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Heroic teenager saves neighbour from river

A TEENAGER gave his next door neighbour a Christmas present to remember – by saving his life.

Ian Taylor, 42, was cleaning rubbish from the river at the back of his home – Soham Lode – when he got into difficulty.

Although the river is only around 2 to 3ft deep, there are hidden pockets of silt, which Mr Taylor did not realise.

Before he knew it, the father-of-one, who lives in Mill Corner, Soham, with his wife, Naomi, 44, had stepped into silt and was sinking quickly.

He started to shout for help but by the time Naomi had rushed down to the water's edge the water was up to his armpits and just his arms and head were above the water.

Thankfully, Ian's next door neighbour, Sarah Bennett, heard him screaming for help and rushed upstairs to her son, Harry, 19, who was asleep in bed.

Without a pause for thought, Harry, a former Soham Village College student, donned his waders and rushed outside. He climbed over the fence at the back of the garden and leapt into the river before dragging Ian from the silt and to the riverbank to safety.

Another frantic neighbour had dialled 999 and firefighters arrived moments after Harry had got Ian to safety.

Harry, who lives with his mum and dad, Mark, said: "My mum came running

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upstairs shouting. I was in bed at the time so didn't have a clue what was going on.

"She said that Ian was stuck in the river and that he was sinking.

"I got out of bed, quickly put my waders on and ran out into the back garden. I climbed over the fence and leapt into the river.

"Everyone else was too scared to jump in the water but I know the river well. I've been in the river ever since I was a little boy so know where all the silt areas are.

"He was sinking really fast and the outcome certainly could've been a lot worse.

"It was a struggle to drag him from the silt but I don't feel like a hero – I just feel like I helped him out."

But Ian, who works as a civil servant, said: "I do feel like Harry saved my life. I hadn't been into the river before but had seen lots of people cleaning rubbish from it so I thought I'd be fine.

"Even though it is shallow, before I knew it I was sinking. My waders filled up and I was getting lower and lower.

"It was pretty frightening. If my wife, Harry or any of the neighbours hadn't have been at home I dread to think what would've happened to me. I feel extremely grateful to Harry for what he did and certainly won't be going back in the river."



RESCUE: Harry Bennett, left, saved his neighbour Ian Taylor from drowning in Soham Lode

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Band's Christmas concert is a sell-out



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**FESTIVE VIBES: The Military Band's Christmas concert was
full to capacity. Right, Susanna Lowes performs on stage**



FESTIVE sounds filled Ely College on Sunday when the City of Ely Military Band staged its annual Christmas concert.

As ever, the concert was a sell-out and was attended by people of all ages.

The band, which was formed in 1962, entertained the audience with a whole host of Christmas tunes.

Susanna Lowes, whose parents Greg and Anthea

are members of the band, was also invited to perform on stage.

Elaine Robinson, the band's engagement secretary, said: "It was a fantastic afternoon and very festive. The concert was a sell-out and we'd like to thank everyone for their support."

Visit www.elyband.co.uk for more information about the band.

Back in the New Year!

THE *Ely News* is giving its delivery boys and girls a week off to enjoy the Christmas period.

This means there will be no paper next week and the next edition will be published on January 2.

But this doesn't mean you can't keep up with the latest news.

Visit our website at ely-news.co.uk for regular updates on what's happening in and around the city.

Hunt for relatives

THE Coroner's Office is trying to trace the relatives of a man from Littleport who died.

Steven John Sammons, 51, died on December 10 this year.

It is believed Mr Sammons may have family in the Peterborough area.

The Coroner's Office is urging anyone with any knowledge of his next of kin to contact them on 0345 045 1364.

Man 'critical' after accident at farm

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A FARM worker was left fighting for his life after being involved in a serious accident near Ely.

Emergency services, including the East of England Ambulance Service (EEAS) and the Magpas Helimedix Air Ambulance, were called to Willow Farm in Pymoor Common, Little Downham, after a man, aged in his 60s, fell around 10ft to the ground.

It is believed the man fell from a forklift truck or a tractor and that a heavy load the vehicle was carrying then landed on top of him.

The incident happened at around 3.55pm last Friday.

Willow Farm is shared by numerous businesses, including Corkers Crisps and Taylor Farms Ltd.

Bosses at Corkers Crisps declined to comment on the incident and nobody from Taylor Farms Ltd was available



AIR AMBULANCE: Emergency services, including the Magpas Helimedix Air Ambulance, were called to the scene

to comment.

The victim was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, in a "critical" condition.

A spokeswoman for Magpas said: "The Magpas team assessed the patient, who suffered suspected chest and back injuries.

"They administered pain relief and anti-sickness treatment, whilst work-

ing alongside ambulance crews.

"The Helimedix then accompanied the man, in a land ambulance, to Addenbrooke's Hospital, monitoring his condition all the way.

"On arrival at the hospital, he was in a serious condition."

A spokesman for the EEAS said: "We attended the incident at Willow Farm and the man was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital by land ambulance.

"The air ambulance also attended and we worked alongside them to treat the patient.

"He was in a critical condition as a result of the injuries he suffered."

A spokesman for Cambridgeshire Police said they were alerted about the incident but that they did not attend.

A spokesman for the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) said the incident had not yet been reported to them.



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DISTRAUGHT: Marisha, Jay and Wayne Hayden-Martin are demanding they are rehoused

‘Move us from this hell hole’

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A COUPLE are demanding that they and their son are moved out of their “hell hole” social housing home.

Marisha and Wayne Hayden-Martin say their lives are being made a misery as Sanctuary Housing is doing nothing about their damp, flea-ridden bungalow in Lawns Crescent, Little Downham.

The couple moved from a council house in Cambridge into the Sanctuary-owned property in mid-November with their 11-year-old son Jay and say they have had problems ever since.

They say that the majority of the bungalow’s rooms are so damp that all three of them are sleeping in the living room; the electricity is unsafe and that the property is infested with fleas.

Sanctuary says Mr and Mrs Hayden-Martin viewed the property in August before agreeing to the exchange – but the couple says the bungalow was fine then.

Marisha, 35, who suffers with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, Raynaud’s Phenomenon and asthma, said: “Sanctuary are well aware that the bungalow is



‘HELL HOLE’: The property is so damp that the family say they are having to sleep in their living room

uninhabitable but they are doing absolutely nothing about it.

“When we viewed the property in August it was fine and we were looking forward to making a fresh start in Little Downham.

“When we came to move in in November it was in a horrendous state but because we had already signed all the paperwork the only options we had was to move in or be made homeless.

“The place is a hell hole – you wouldn’t allow a dog to live in it.

“Our mattresses are damp so we are all sleeping in the living room, which seems to be the driest room.

“The place was infested with fleas when we moved in and I’ve tried every product on the market to get rid of them but we are still infested

and Sanctuary is doing nothing about it. My son was bitten 42 times in one night.”

Marisha, who is studying a Fashion Design degree at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, said: “The conditions are not only making us ill and depressed but they are also dangerous.

“The lights trip most nights and it’s just not safe to have so much water around power supplies.

“We need to be rehoused. My son cries himself to sleep most nights. We can’t take it anymore.”

A spokeswoman for Sanctuary said: “The Hayden-Martin family viewed the home before agreeing to a mutual exchange and moving into the property a month ago.

“We are working with them to address their concerns.”

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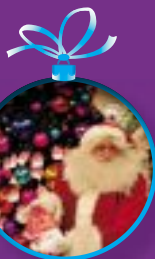
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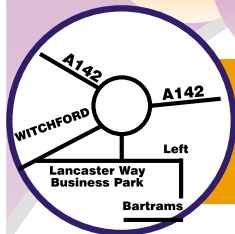
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PEDAL POWER: From left: Cllr Ian Bates, cabinet member for Growth, Planning and Infrastructure for Cambs County Council; Geraint Hughes, partnership manager for Greater Anglia and Cllr Peter Moakes, chairman of development and transport committee for ECDC launch the Bike & Go scheme.

Cycle hire scheme is launched at station

A EUROPEAN-style bicycle hire scheme has been officially launched in Ely.

Community leaders and rail bosses came together at the city's railway station on Monday to launch Greater Anglia's Bike & Go programme.

The scheme encourages rail users to leave their bicycles at home and to hire one from

the train station instead.

The programme will soon be available at 50 stations in the UK and to use the bicycles, people will pay a £10 annual subscription, plus £3.80 for 24 hours' use.

Ruud Haket, managing director for Greater Anglia, said: "Bike & Go is improving the service and choice that we provide for our customers

who are keen to cycle to and from their local station.

"Competitively priced and easy to use, Bike & Go complements other investments we are making to improve cycle parking with more secure facilities and new cycle points, offering a healthier travel choice for our customers."

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Horse owner, 25, is banned

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A HORSE owner has been banned from keeping equines for five years after one of his ponies was found emaciated and close to death.

Scott Daley, 25, has also been fined £1,000 after being charged with failing to provide a suitable diet, parasite control and veterinary care for a three-year-old filly called Sapphire.

The RSPCA were called to Barcham Farm in Soham in May after receiving a call about the female black pony. Inspectors found her to be in an emaciated body condition and very weak.

Inspector Richard Lythgoe said: "This poor pony was pretty close to death when we found her - incredibly thin and in a very bad way. She was lucky to survive and would



CLOSE TO DEATH: Sapphire is now waiting for a new home

have suffered a great deal for some time.

"If only Sapphire had been taken to the vets sooner she wouldn't have got into such a bad state.

"The veterinary report pointed to malnutrition and lack of veterinary treatment for the reasons behind her being in such a state."

Daley, of Cornwell Close, Soham, was found guilty of causing unnecessary suffering to Sapphire at Cambridge

Magistrates' Court on December 10.

As well as the fine, he was disqualified from keeping equines for five years and was made subject to a two-year conditional discharge.

Sapphire has since made a full recovery and is now in the care of World Horse Welfare, where she is waiting to find a new home.

However, because of the long-term malnutrition, she now has growth problems with her front legs, which means she will never be able to be ridden.

It is the second time this year that Barcham Stables have been at the centre of an RSPCA case.

In August, racehorse trainer Michael Hammond, of Lester Piggott Way, Newmarket, was fined £1,000 after his horse, Galaxy, was found in a similar emaciated state at the site.

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Burglars threaten man and baby in Soham

A MAN holding his baby daughter was threatened with a crowbar by burglars at his home in Soham.

The incident happened at about 6.45pm last Wednesday in Sand Street after the victim heard noises coming from his garage.

He went to investigate holding his one-year-old daughter and found two men in balaclavas in the garage.

He challenged them and they made off empty-handed after dropping a hedge trimmer and threatening him with the crowbar.

They got into a silver Ford Mondeo which was later found burned out near Lakenheath.

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call PC Paul Symonds on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

From party night to piglets!

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A PAIR of pigs named after the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have caused as much excitement with the birth of their first litter as the Royal couple did with the arrival of Prince George – well, almost.

Smallholding owner Yvonne Martin, 54, was on her way to her husband Alan Cockerton's Christmas works party when their Gloucester Old Spot sow, Katie, went into labour.

Yvonne's 94-year-old mum, Annie, was watching the 'pig cam' at their home – Wood Fen Lodge Guest House and Spa in Little Downham – with a friend when she suddenly noticed two tiny piglets rustling around in the straw.

She frantically called Alan, 56, who was with Yvonne in a taxi on the way to the Christmas party at Heath Court Hotel in Newmarket, and without pausing for thought, they asked the cab driver to turn around and take them back home.

Before she knew it, Yvonne, who has run Wood Fen Lodge for six years, had swapped her bright pink, 5in-high stilettoes for her wellies and was helping Katie to deliver the rest of her litter. Two-year-old

Couple turn the taxi around and swap gladrags for wellies to muck in and help their pig deliver a litter of piglets



great now and Katie is a fantastic mother, just like the Duchess of Cambridge."

Looking back at the birth, which happened last Friday, Yvonne said: "Because of the business, the smallholding and other commitments, we very rarely get to go out in the evening and the last time we went out was actually Alan's Christmas work party last year.

"It was a shame to have missed it as I'd got dressed up for the occasion and had to ditch my raspberry pink stilettoes for my wellies.

"But I can't explain how privileged Alan and I feel to be able to have watched Katie deliver her babies, and I'm so glad we didn't miss out."

The couple will be rearing the majority of the piglets for the freezer, although they are looking for homes for some of them, once they are old enough to leave their mum.

If you are interested in offering them a home, call (01353) 862495 or visit www.woodfenlodge.co.uk.

Katie, who is 'married' to handsome boar William, gave birth to 10 piglets in total, although the runt of the litter died.

Yvonne said: "I think our Katie and Wills caused almost as much of a stir with their Royal birth as the couple

themselves!

"We couldn't believe it when my mum called.

"We asked the taxi driver to take us back home right away as we wanted to be there to witness the birth.

"The nine piglets – five boys and four girls – are all doing



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NEWBORN: Yvonne and Alan with one of the piglets.
Pictures by Richard Patterson

Sadness as garden trio are stolen



SADDENED: Fred and Jean White

THREE Bertie Bassett figurines have been stolen from a garden.

The quirky plastic ornaments, which are of the Bassett's company mascot – a man made of liquorice allsorts – had stood proudly in Fred and Jean White's front garden in Little Downham for 10 years.

But the couple, of Black Bank Road, woke up last Monday morning to discover the colourful trio, which are around 12-inches high, had been stolen.

Fred, 69, said: "I love liquorice allsorts and was given the figurines 10 years ago as a Christmas present.

"They were filled with sweets and when we'd eaten them all we thought it'd be nice to fill the figurines with sand and put them in the garden.

"We can't believe somebody's just taken them.

"If they'd knocked on the door and asked for them we'd have given them to them."

Anyone with information should call the couple on (01353) 863415.

Jobs lost as Blockbuster shuts its doors

ELY'S Blockbuster store closed on Sunday.

The major DVD and games rental company collapsed for the first time in January but was sold to Gordon Brothers Europe in March.

However, in October bosses of that firm then called in administrators Moorfields Corporate Recovery and they announced on Thursday that every Blockbuster store in the UK was to close.

Staff at the Ely branch, in High Street, were unable to speak to Ely News about the closure but confirmed the store was to close on Sunday.

It is not known how many people have lost their jobs as a result of the store closing but nationwide there are more than 800 jobs being lost as a result of 91 Blockbuster stores shutting for good.

"It is with regret that we have to make this announcement. We

appreciate this is a difficult time for all concerned and would like to thank staff for their professionalism and support over the past month," said joint administrators Simon Thomas and Nick O'Reilly.

"Unfortunately, we were unable to secure a buyer for the group as a going concern and as a result had to take the regrettable action to close the remaining stores."

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This isn't working for me

I AM writing in response to the article this week about how recycling has increased following the introduction of wheelee bins. I have to disagree. When we had the black boxes you could put out as much recycling as you wanted to and it would all be taken – this is no longer the case.

The first few weeks of using my blue lidded bin, all of my recycling was taken including cardboard boxes that I put next to the bin, and all the other recyclables that we are allowed. Two weeks ago the bin men didn't take the extras outside the bin so I called East Cambridgeshire District Council.

I was told they are not supposed to take any 'extra' but I knew that they had taken other people's 'extra' that very same day – slightly inconsistent to say the least.

This week we had our blue bin collection. I don't understand why we are being limited in our recycling with an inconsistent service that means we are recycling less.

Kathryn Rowland
Ely

What about the voters?!

IN the December 12th edition of the *Ely News* Mr Paul Bristow, one of the defeated candidates for the South East Cambridgeshire Conservative nomination said that he thought the fact that Lucy Frazer, who won the poll, has no connection with the constituency that she hopes to sit for does not matter but that he thinks "it's about who is best for the Conservative party." Not who is best for the voters she will be representing!

Geoff Griggs
Fordham Road
Soham

I like those new signs

I DON'T own a dog or go out with a pocket full of poo bags, but I have stepped in my fair share of dog poo. I also find dog poo bags hanging in trees much more offensive than the mystery signs. In fact, the mystery signs appeal to my sense of humour and I for one say three cheers to the anonymous culprits.

I don't see this as a relentless campaign by people who seem to think that dog owners are all antisocial and irresponsible. I think it is a relentless campaign against those dog owners who ARE antisocial and irresponsible. Though most owners do pick up their dog's poo, it only takes treading in the the poo that is

plentifully available to not care what percentage of dog owners are guilty and to wish the practice of leaving dog poo stamped out, though not directly on the poo itself, of course.

Steve Lambert
Springhead Lane
Ely

Surely this was a *good* idea?

I THINK Andy Wall makes a good point when he tells us he is a responsible dog owner, and, like most of us ensures that he cleans up after his dog in Pocket Park, or anywhere else come to that.

However, doesn't he think that the mystery person/group responsible for the posters of which he complains could be doing us a favour by re-emphasising the point? I haven't seen many posters myself but would have thought that anything that supplemented the warnings from the council would have been welcomed. Friends tell me that the posters have been taken down – not by Mr Wall, surely?

Graham Jones
Windmill Close
Ely

Don't deny us this right

PROVISION for disabled parking on double yellow lines exists for sensible reasons. Locations such as Fore Hill in Ely are not provided with easily accessible car parks. It is necessary for elderly drivers and those with poor mobility to park close to the shops. I agree that the blue badge should not be used un-necessarily or frivolously by those blue-badge holders who are mobile enough to walk from the bottom of Fore Hill all the way to the top. But there are many people (with disabilities considerably more serious than arthritis) for whom this is simply not an option. Such people are often vulnerable and their cars are literally their lifeline. Why shouldn't they be free to shop like everyone else? I would never be able to walk up Fore Hill myself, and the distance from Waitrose Car Park is far more than I could manage on foot. Should I be prevented from getting the shopping that I need? It is with this in mind that the law allows Blue Badge holders to park on double yellow lines so long as they aren't too close to a junction or seriously obstructing traffic. Just because a small minority abuse the rights that a Blue Badge gives, does not mean that those in real

need of these rights should be begrudged them when the need exists.

Joanna Cooper
Address withheld

It never used to be like this

LIVING in an agricultural area means putting up with some inconvenience. However, as the daughter of a man who managed large country estates, I am appalled by the excessive mess on the roads. I remember my father being late for meals having spotted muck on the roads; he would find the culprits and send them to go and clear up the mess.

They had to use a yard brush and shovel. It used to be against the law to leave a mess and against the law to not pull into a lay by when there is traffic being held up. Seems to me that tractor drivers, mainly working for commercial farmers, are mollycoddled in their state-of-the-art cabs. Today I had a near miss on the back road from Soham to Barway when someone came barrelling down the middle of the road with a muck covered loader at car level. The rest of the road where he had been was in an appalling mess and dangerous as was the Barway to the A142 which a chap with a mechanical brush was trying to clear up. There is no excuse for this, the aforementioned young man should have used a shovel to clean off the loader before leaving the field. Time for the council and police to get on top of this nonsense and time for farmers to remember that good old common sense, and a bit of elbow grease, will work a treat.

D Donald
Address withheld

Great news about the green

GREAT news about the Town Green status for the Ely Commons. Only this morning David Attenborough was speaking on the radio about how important it is to retain as much of our natural environment in order to keep our whole world functioning. It was a pity that it needed action by alert and caring citizens to ensure that the commons were saved from development. We want to pay tribute to those who led the campaign, raised money for legal action, assembled evidence and after setbacks finally achieved a result. We know that all the committee worked hard and long, but Liz Hunter made an excellent leader. Well done and thank you.

Margot and Derek Andrews

Christmas messages

■ The Mayor of Ely, City of Ely Council:

MY Mayoral year is now nearly two thirds through and this very special time of year causes us to reflect as we write the Christmas card list and consider who we need to honour with special wishes and thanks.

Naturally, it has been an honour to represent Ely and to be given the chance to influence development or change through chairing the City of Ely Council. Ely is a wonderful place in which to live and the major developments ahead of us need careful handling to ensure we reach our best potential without altering the specialness of the Ely that we love so much.

Ely has recently been voted the "kindest" place in England and that comes as no surprise. As I have moved through my year, I have been awarded utmost respect and received the warmest of welcomes everywhere, for which I thank you.

The last eight months has been a real whirlwind of activity and opportunities, thanks to the people around me and the people I have met. I wish to offer my sincere thanks to all the individuals, businesses, groups and charities

that I have worked with so far and who have supported me.

The Mayoral Christmas card list proved to be impossible as too many people have helped me this year to deliver events and ideas for The Mayor's Charity and with a number of initiatives which are ongoing, and which I hope will continue well beyond my involvement. If you are reading this and you know you have stood beside me along the way, please consider this message as your Christmas card with a "thank you" enclosed.

Please allow me to wish everyone in the Ely community and surrounding areas a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Clir Elaine Griffin-Singh

■ Bishop of Ely, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway:

My sister, Gilly, has done my Christmas shopping for the close family this year. She rang to suggest that I send her a cheque and that she would sort everything out. This will make Christmas a bit more predictable because recipients are more likely to receive useful gifts that they actually want. I shall still want to go shopping and seek out some surprises.

I love the predictability, however. The most important part of it is my trust in my sister's entirely reliable love and thoughtfulness. It is wonderful when we have people in our lives whom we know will always be there for us. The greatest gift we receive is unconditional love when we are cherished not because of anything we have done but just for being ourselves. I want to celebrate the proof of that in the public affection of my family.

We have just been celebrating the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela. He endured 27 years of prison discipline on Robbin Island. He said himself to David Dimbleby that he had been an arrogant person and deliberately used the time to change into someone who showed respect.

Prison was the schoolroom in which he learned how to change from a fighter into a statesman. Those in prison with him may have known that this would be the outcome if he were ever released; but the rest of the world did not have the confidence that South Africa could change so quickly. We were all completely bowled over by the sight of that smile when he emerged from prison and then by his refusal to be vengeful. We rejoice again

over his gifts of generosity and forgiveness.

At Christmas, we all hope for the predictable signs of the love of our family and friends. Christians believe in the complete predictability of the coming of Jesus. We trust that he is God unwrapped as the present we can all receive. I saw the television images of the natural family of Madiba and all those grieving South Africans. His death is at one level a terrible loss, hard to be borne at Christmas. This is how it is for everyone's first and lasting Christmases when they have loved and lost a special person. Mandela has not been lost to us, however. There is a fervent hope that South Africa will continue to move towards the more equal future for which Mandela lived. What a wonderful year-round gift that will be. More than that, we are assured that we can go on cherishing the man who has only gone as far away as God. The entirely predictable gift of Jesus each Christmas opens for us the way to a hopeful future in which we are not written off by death, but propelled into new life. As we remember Nelson Mandela, I invite us all to invest in Christmas in a new way.

Lucky Sharon is off to the panto!

MUM Sharon Wilkin was the winner of our Ely pantomime competition!

In November, we gave readers the chance to win a family ticket to 'Jack and the Beanstalk' – this year's professional panto in Ely.

The competition asked readers to answer the question: "When was there last a professional pantomime in Ely?" and the correct answer was 1950.

We received over 100 entries and it was 40-year-old Sharon, of New Barns Avenue, whose name was plucked out of the hat.

She said: "I still can't believe I've won. I saw the competition in the paper and I just thought oh well, what harm is there in entering. I can't wait until the show."

Sharon plans to take her daughter, Sophie Lee, 3, partner Justin Lee, and mum, Sandra.

Performances are being held at The Maltings in Ely from December 26 to January 14. For tickets, call (01638) 781037 or visit www.kdttheatre.co.uk.

WINNER: Sharon Wilkin receives her tickets from Mrs Trott, Jack and the Beanstalk's dame



School sponsor decided

AN education trust recommended by council chiefs to run a new primary school in Ely has been ditched by Central Government.

Cambridgeshire County Council's cabinet had chosen the Barnfield Scholastic Academy Trust as its preferred sponsor for the new school in North Ely.

The decision proved to be controversial as at the time the Hertfordshire-based organisation was being investigated by the Department for Education (DfE)

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and the Skills Funding Agency for its finances and management processes.

But Schools Minister David Laws has gone against the council's recommendation and has chosen the Active Learning Trust (ALT) as the school's sponsor.

The ALT, which was set up last January by a group of school improvement practitioners, currently runs five academies, including

Chesterton Primary School in Cambridge and the Neale Wade Academy in March.

The organisation was second in the council's list of preferred sponsors, of which there were six in total.

Speaking on Thursday, when the decision was announced, Mr Laws said: "Today's announcement is a key milestone in our multi-billion pound plan to ensure there are enough high-quality school places

around the country.

"I am delighted by the quality of the sponsors we are announcing today for new academies in Cambridgeshire and Essex.

"They are top-performing organisations that will use their expertise and know-how to ensure young people receive the high-quality education they deserve."

The new school is expected to be up and running by 2015.

The county council was not able to comment on the decision.

Woman accused of smuggling £240k of cocaine into UK

A WOMAN from Cambridgeshire has appeared in court charged with importing approximately £240,000 worth of cocaine into the UK from Brazil.

June Margaret Ireland, 61, has been charged with drug importation in connection with an incident at Heathrow Airport on Tuesday, December 10.

Ireland, of Bell Gardens, Haddenham, is accused of trying to smuggle 6kg of the Class A drug into the UK from Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The approximate street value of the drugs she is alleged to have imported is £240,000.

Ireland appeared at Uxbridge Magistrates Court last Wednesday.

She entered a not guilty plea and was remanded in custody.

Ireland is due to appear at Isleworth Crown Court on January 2, 2014.

The case has been passed to the National Crime Agency for further investigation.

Secure a place

PARENTS are now able to apply for a place for their child at Ely's new primary school.

The school will take its first pupils in September 2014 as for the first year it will operate from Ely St Mary's Junior School in High Barns, before moving to the permanent accommodation in North Ely the following September.

To apply, visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions.

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Deaths

DONLEY Stephen

Of Ely, sadly passed away at Addenbrooke's Hospital on Friday, 6th December, 2013, aged 45 years. Funny and loving husband and dad to Ann and Lauren, will be missed by all his family and friends. For funeral details, please contact Ely Funeral Service. Tel: 01353 666566. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Cancer Research UK and Cats Protection, may be left at the Service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HW.

WILSON Helena

Loving wife to Brian, mother to Lee and Maria and caring nan. Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 10th December, 2013. Woodland burial at Barton, 12.30pm, on Friday, 20th December, followed by a Memorial Service at 2.30pm at St Peter's Church, Ely. Family flowers only, donations to The Children's Society or Milton Children's Hospice. Funeral Director, Woodland Wishes. Tel: 01223 651653.

PEACOCK Raymond

The family of the late Raymond Peacock wish to sincerely thank all who attended the funeral on December 13th and for the kind messages and cards. Thanks to the staff at Queens Court Bottisham and Bottisham Medical Practice for their care of Raymond together with Ely Funeral Services and Rev'd Mary Hancock for their kindness and support.

PHILLIPS Judy

John and family would like to say thank you to everyone who sent cards, messages of sympathy, gave donations and attended the funeral on the sad loss of Judy. They would also like to thank the staff at Haddenham Surgery, M.I Home Care and Tracy of Woodland Wishes Natural Burials. Please accept this as our only but most sincere acknowledgement

In Memoriam



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Post office: Now it's back to the drawing board

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PLANS to relocate Ely's post office into a convenience store have been scrapped – and a new search is on to find suitable permanent premises.

The city's post office has been at the centre of controversy for the majority of this year.

Post Office Ltd bosses had to move the branch out of the building in High Street which it has called home for years as Lloyds Pharmacy said it would not renew the building's lease. The premises are now being turned into a Phones 4 U shop.

The plan was then to move the post office inside the Premier Convenience Store – just a few doors down the High Street – and in the meantime the post office is operating from a temporary building in Ely's Newnham Street car park.

But this week, the company announced that the proposed move to the convenience store has been axed and that a new search for permanent premises is now on.

Julia Marwood, Post Office Regional Network Manager, said: "Rest assured we are working extremely hard to find a permanent solution."

"Post Office Ltd currently has a modernisation investment programme – the largest in the history of the Post Office – to improve its network of offices. This is part of a commitment to no more branch closures."

"We want to ensure we get the right premises to provide



ELY POST OFFICE: Is currently operating from a portable building

post office services on a permanent basis in Ely as we understand how important having a post office is to local residents.

"We would welcome the opportunity to talk to Ely retailers about the possibility of incorporating the post office into their retail business. We are taking a fresh look at the situation and we are working hard to find the best available solution, whether that is one or two post offices in Ely."

"I know the recent period of uncertainty has been causing concern to our customers and I apologise for this and for any inconvenience caused."

"Thankfully the post office in a Portacabin is working well as a temporary arrangement, and has allowed us to maintain post office services in Ely. I would like to thank post office staff for their hard work and commitment."

Bosses say the decision not to move the branch into the convenience store has been

made as a result of comments made during the public consultation period.

The main feedback was that the premises were not large enough.

Mrs Marwood said: "After the decision not to proceed with the move to the Premier Convenience Store it is back to the drawing board to find a permanent solution for Ely post office services."

"We are keen to hear from retailers willing to take on the post office. Ideally it would be one retailer with sufficient space for five post office counter positions."

"However, if there is not one suitable retailer, with large enough premises, we may consider two retailers offering post office services in different parts of Ely."

"One would be a larger branch and the other a smaller new-style local post office. Any new proposals to relocate Ely post office would be subject to a new six week public consultation exercise."

What do YOU think?

Email us at editorial@elyweekly-news.co.uk or visit ely-news.co.uk

Doors of Phones 4 U now open

MOBILE phone shop Phones 4 U has opened its doors in Ely.

The major mobile phone chain applied for planning permission to move into the city's High Street in August.

Despite proving controversial with some local residents, who said another mobile phone shop was the "last thing Ely needs", the proposals were given the green light by East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The branch opened inside what used to be the city's post office premises yesterday. The opening means one less empty shop in the city's High Street.

Blockbuster closed its doors on Sunday and the premises next door are still vacant after The Ruiz Gallery was closed by Rhonda and Bangelis Dallis earlier this year.

The former Starbucks premises on the corner of High Street are also still empty, as is the former Millets store in Market Place.

Numerous units in Market Street are also waiting to be occupied again.

Festive fun at special market

A SPECIAL Christmas market is being held in Ely.

Stallholders from the city's regular Thursday market, farmers' market and craft and collectables market will be joining forces for the festive market on Monday, December 23.

Everything will be there to help create the perfect Christmas from seasonal local vegetables, rare breed meat and turkeys to artisan bread, fine cheese and Christmas decorations.

There will also be entertainment from the City of Ely Military Band who will be playing throughout the day, choristers from Ely Cathedral will give a short performance and there will be a children's ride.

Tracey Harding, tourism leader at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said: "Ely's markets are a lovely place to come to buy great gifts, taste some amazing seasonal food and hear music to create the perfect festive mood."

"To add to the excitement, there may even be a special visit from a certain portly man with a beard as white as snow and merry dimples."

Green light for Town Green status

A SIX-year campaign to safeguard the future of a beauty spot in Ely has ended in victory for the applicants.

Back in 2007, the Local Campaigners for the Protection of Rural Ely (LCPRE) group first applied for Ely Common to be registered as a Town Green.

The land is an area of open grassland between Roswell Pits and Prickwillow Road and registering it as a Town Green protects the land from any development or change in the future.

The application, submitted by Mr Frank Richards on behalf of the LCPRE, was rejected two years later.

Mr Richards then applied for the status again in 2010 and after a second public inquiry, held earlier this year, an inspector said the necessary criteria for the registration had been met.

The land is owned by Jalsea Marine Services and the Thomas Parsons Charity, which both objected to the application.

A third objection was also made by nearby resident Anthony Isaacson.

Last Thursday, Cambridgeshire County Council's planning committee made the decision that the LCPRE, now called Ely Wildspace, has been

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waiting for – that the common can officially become a Town Green.

Recommending that the status is approved, Laurence Smith, the council's asset information definitive map officer, said: "The tests set out under Section 15(2) of the Commons Act 2006 have been fulfilled in that a significant number of the inhabitants of the locality have indulged as of right in lawful sports and pastimes on the land subject to the application, for a period of at least 20 years."

Liz Hunter, chairman of Ely Wildspace, said: "We are all absolutely delighted. We've spent six years campaigning for this and finally we've heard the news we've been waiting for."

"Town Green status provides Ely Common with permanent protection and ensures that people can continue to use the area for recreation and leisure purposes for years to come, whether that be for picnicking, fruit picking, dog walking or kite flying."



What do you think? Is this good news? ely-news.co.uk



HISTORY LESSON: These photographs have been discovered by the Rich Soil Rich Heritage community project

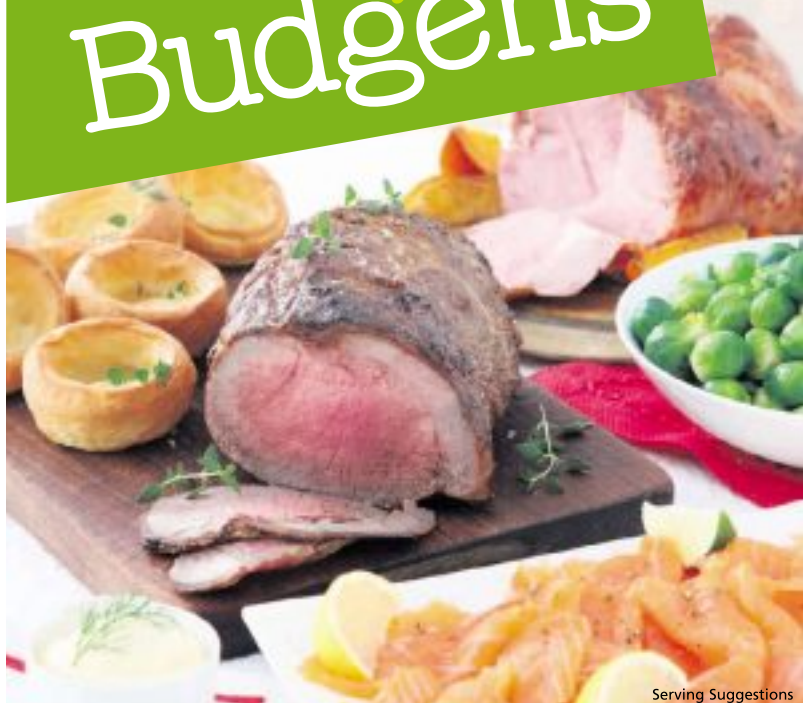
Can you shed light on PoW photographs?

RARE photographs have been discovered of German Prisoners of War (PoW) celebrating Christmas in Ely. One photo shows a group of prisoners with their huts in the background and their own version of a Christmas tree.

The prisoners, who were kept at the Barton Fields PoW camp on the land where Ely Golf Club is today, also formed a band and the other photo shows them gathered for a performance that was recorded by the

BBC around Christmas 1947. The Rich Soil Rich Heritage community project has found the two photos and is appealing for anyone with more information about them both to email info@richsoilrichheritage.org.uk.

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Garage to go in favour of home

A GARAGE could be demolished to make way for a new home.

Mrs W Horton, of Regent Place, Soham, has applied for planning permission to bulldoze a garage at 41, Hall Street, Soham, and to build a four-bedroom dwelling and single garage in its place.

The proposals, which have been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council, include building a replacement garage at the rear of the existing dwelling. Visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk to have your say.

New bungalow plans for Soham

A NEW bungalow could be built in Soham.

Colin Eley, of Gimbert Road, wants to build a three-bedroom bungalow and car port on land beside his home.

A planning application has been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council. To have your say, go to www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

Home could be turned into two

A PROPERTY in Little Downham could be turned into two separate homes.

Jonathan Flude, of Main Street, wants to subdivide his property and make various internal alterations.

East Cambridgeshire District Council is expected to make a decision on the proposals within the next two months. Visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk to view the plans.

New store for village farm site

A FARM in Haddenham could soon boast a new machinery store.

Peter Dennis, of Hillrow Causeway, has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission to erect the new open-fronted facility. To have your say, visit www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

Singing for Molly at the Royal Albert Hall

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A SONG inspired by a teenager who is battling leukaemia has been performed at the Royal Albert Hall to raise further funds for a cancer charity.

Mark Ellis of Cambridge-based indie band Hamfatter – famous for securing an investment from Peter Jones on *Dragon's Den* – released a new single to raise money for children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent earlier this year.

Mark, from Ely, was inspired to write the song, *Carry You*, after his friend, Emma Day, also from Ely, was given the devastating news that her younger sister Molly, 14, had leukaemia.

Emma, 24, donated bone marrow to Molly in hospital in Bristol and their family is being supported by CLIC Sargent.

Last Wednesday Mark performed the song at CLIC Sargent's Christmas concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

The song, which has been released on iTunes, is all about how much Mark wants to support Emma



SONGWRITER: Mark Ellis

and her family through such a difficult time.

Molly is now recovering at Addenbrooke's Hospital after her bone marrow transplant and is getting better by the day.

Emma said: "I don't know what we would have all done if it wasn't for CLIC Sargent."

"They have been fantastic ever since Molly was diagnosed last May, with both practical and emotional support."

To listen to *Carry You* visit <http://soundcloud.com/markellis/carry-you-1>.

Proceeds from each download will be donated to the charity.



CHARITY SONG: Emma Day, left, and her sister, Molly

Row over parking lands men in court

TWO men have appeared in court after making violent threats in a row over a parked car.

Daniel Clements-Dutson, of Hereward Avenue, Mildenhall, and his friend Karl Mayes, of Green Acre, Pymoor, pleaded guilty to using threatening words and behaviour at Ipswich Crown Court last Wednesday.

The court heard that the row broke out on the evening of May 6 after a man living in Hereward Avenue began shouting and making threats towards Clements-Dutson over the way he had parked a car.

Clements-Dutson, 21, responded with his own threats of violence and his friend Mayes, 27, joined in.

A ruckus then occurred in the street and lasted for around 20 minutes, the court heard.

Mayes was made subject to a 12-month conditional discharge and Clements-Dutson's, who has previous convictions, is for 18 months.

Both men were ordered to pay £75 court costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

The court heard the neighbour involved in the row received a police caution.

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AMAZING EXPERIENCE: Callum, centre, and some of the other skydivers

Group leaps in Liam's memory

TEENAGE fundraising sensation Callum Fairhurst ticked off another lifetime ambition – by jumping 12,000ft out of an aeroplane.

Callum, the 16-year-old brother of Liam, who died aged 14 from cancer, led a group of 20 people in the tandem skydive above Cambridgeshire.

The jumpers, which included *Cambridge News* reporter Gareth McPherson, Kirsty and Vicky Moffat, Ben Bailey, Faye Freeman and Fay Lendrem, reached speeds of up to 180mph during the dive at Chatteris Airfield.

Callum, from Soham, described the jump, which is set to raise more than £6,000 for The Liam Fairhurst

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Foundation, as "the most insane experience" he has ever had.

He said: "Jumping out of a perfectly good aeroplane is probably the most ridiculous thing to do – but it was the best feeling I have ever had."

"We are so grateful to the 20 people who jumped and have enabled The Liam Fairhurst Foundation to help out so many incredible young people."

Liam raised £340,000 for children's charities from when he was diagnosed, aged 10, with soft tissue cancer up until his death four years later in 2009.

Callum has taken on the fundraising mantle for the foundation, which helps young people affected by cancer and disabilities, as well as their families.

Last year, Callum, who lives with his mum and dad, Sarah and Mark, set himself a list of 50 things to do before he reaches the end of his teens, with skydiving being one of them.

Among the activities he still has left to do are climbing Kilimanjaro and shearing a sheep.

Callum is already looking ahead to next summer's skydive. Donate for this year's jump or sign up for next year's one by visiting www.liam-fairhurstfoundation.com.

MP urges you not to miss out on cash

RESIDENTS who had pensions with Equitable Life are being urged to make sure they get the compensation promised to them by the Government before it is too late.

MP for South East Cambridgeshire, Sir Jim Paice, said: "Although 450,000 people have now received a compensation cheque, about 20 per cent remain untraced and if people don't get their claim in they will miss out."

Potentially there are more than 400 people in South East Cambridgeshire missing out on thousands of pounds in compensation.

To check if you are eligible for the compensation, call 0300 0200 150 or visit <http://equitablelifepaymentscheme.independent.gov.uk/index.htm>.

Competition to find Fens' best poets

POETRY lovers listen up.

The hunt is on to find the next Poet Laureate for the Fenland area.

The annual competition, which is free, is a chance for writers from right across East Cambridgeshire and the Fens to come together, share their poetry and help put Fenland on the creative map.

Leanne Moden, who lives in Ely and is the current Fenland Poet Laureate, said: "The award has opened so many doors for me."

"It's also allowed me to provide opportunities for many more Fenland poets. It's been a fantastic experience."

For more information about the competition, which is organised by ADeC and Atelier East, visit www.adec.org.uk or email info@adec.org.uk.

Papworth's carol service raises £3,600

FESTIVE fun at Ely Cathedral has raised more than £3,000 for Papworth Hospital.

The hospital held its carol service on December 7.

Hundreds of people attended the service, which featured a mixture of carols and poignant readings from the hospital's staff and supporters.

Kate Lancaster, corporate services director at Papworth, said: "Our carol service was once again a huge hit with our supporters who take it as an opportunity to come together and celebrate Christmas with their loved ones – something that some may not have been able to do had they not been cared for here at Papworth."

The event raised £3,600 for the hospital, with money still coming in.

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Christmas - Cromwell style!

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The historic house, in St Mary's Street, is holding Cromwellian Christmas' events throughout December.

The activities are running every day, apart from Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Call (01353) 662062.

Choirs join forces for concert

ELY Cathedral's choirs are coming together for a Christmas musical extravaganza on Saturday.

The Hark the Herald concert starts at 7.30pm and will feature performances by the cathedral choirs, as well as Cambridge brass ensemble, Prime Bass.

Tickets range in price from £20 to £7.50 and are available by calling (01353) 660349.

A barrel of laughs in Soham

COMEDIAN Johnny Dee will be entertaining the crowds in Soham on Saturday.

He is hosting a comedy night at the town's football club, in Julius Martin Lane.

The fun kicks off at 8pm. Tickets are £4 in advance from the club, or £5 on the door.

Catch the Park and Ride bus

REMEMBER you can catch the Ely Park and Ride Christmas Shopper Bus if you are coming into the city on Saturday.

It will be running from Ely College car park from 9am-4pm.

It costs 50p each way for adults but is free for children.



STAY SAFE: Firefighters are spreading the message about fire safety by dressing up on Ely's Market Place

Ely's firemen take to the streets

FIREFIGHTERS got into the Christmas spirit by donning Santa hats and festive jumpers. Members of the Ely crew descended on the city's Market Place on Thursday to help spread the message about fire safety.

In December last year, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service was called to 22 accidental house fires in the county.

The service wants to reduce that figure this year and is encouraging residents to put fire safety at the top of their Christmas lists.

Graham Stagg, chief fire officer, said: "The risk of fire in the home is an all-year-round issue; however, people are particularly vulnerable at Christmas for many reasons, such as unsafe electrical decorations and unattended candles.

"I am urging people to be fire aware and stay fire safe this festive season."

The Ely crew will also be offering fire safety advice on the city's Market Square today and next Thursday from 11am-1pm.

Bike decision 'worrying'

A DECISION to allow cyclists to use Ely's Riverside area has been welcomed by bike users – but not by worried pedestrians.

Non-cyclists have hit out at East Cambridgeshire District Council's decision to lift the bicycle ban in the scenic Waterside area, insisting it will put pedestrians' safety at risk.

Mum-of-two Harriet King, of Back Hill, Ely, said: "I walk along the Riverside with my children quite often and can only describe this decision as extremely worrying.

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"Despite the ban, a lot of cyclists ignore it and use the route anyway, and the number of times I've witnessed people having to leap out of the way to avoid cyclists coming towards them at high speed is scary.

"I'm worried that a child or an elderly person is going to fall into the river as it is. Lifting the bicycle ban is going to make the area dangerous for pedestrians in my view."

Commenting on ely-news.co.uk,

another resident said: "Here we go again – more rights for the cyclist and none for the pedestrian. Let's hope someone doesn't end up in the river.

"I will not give way to a cyclist if I am challenged by one on the pathway. Cycles belong on cycleways or roads, not pathways."

As previously reported, the ban is being lifted as part of a plan drawn up by the council to improve the city's Riverside, and the authority insists the move will enhance the

area.

The Ely Cycling Campaign has welcomed the decision. A spokesman said: "We're really pleased the ban is being lifted. This is one of the simple improvements we've been campaigning for and we're hoping this will be the first of many that will make Ely a safer and more pleasant place to travel by bike."



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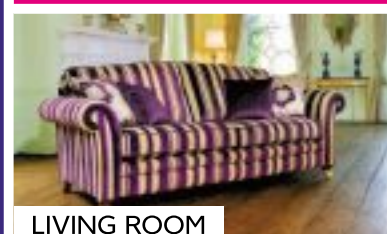


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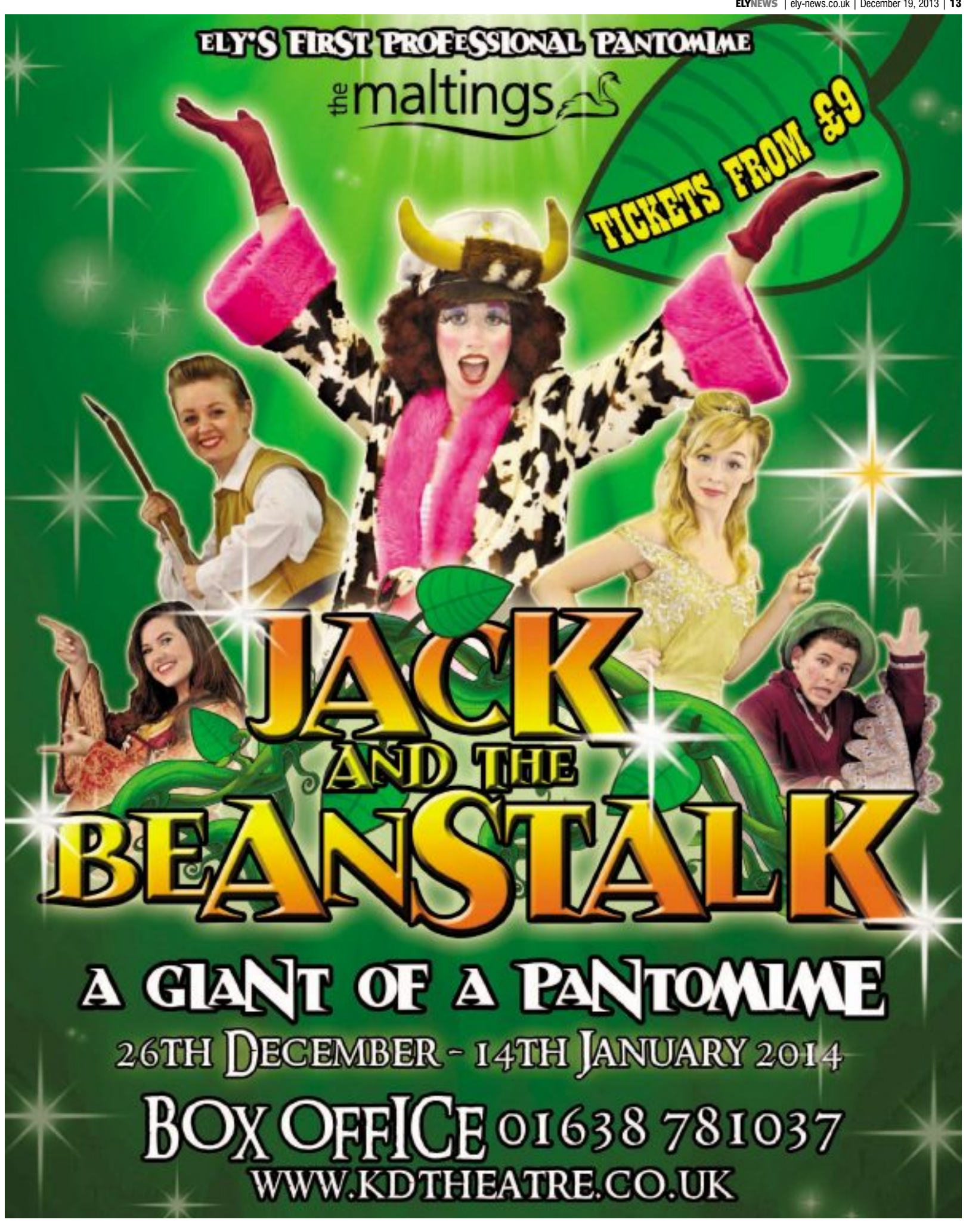
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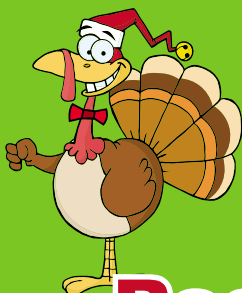
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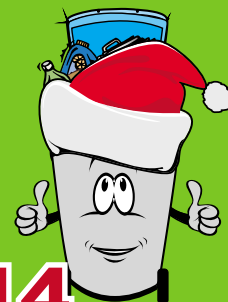
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Christmas and New Year Waste and Recycling Collections 2013/14



Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Monday 23 rd December	No change
Tuesday 24 th December	No change
Wednesday 25 th December	Friday 27 th December
Thursday 26 th December	Saturday 28 th December
Friday 27 th December	Monday 30 th December
Monday 30 th December	Tuesday 31 st December
Tuesday 31 st December	Thursday 2 nd January
Wednesday 1 st January	Friday 3 rd January
Thursday 2 nd January	Saturday 4 th January
Friday 3 rd January	Monday 6 th January
Monday 6 th January	Tuesday 7 th January
Tuesday 7 th January	Wednesday 8 th January
Wednesday 8 th January	Thursday 9 th January
Thursday 9 th January	Friday 10 th January
Friday 10 th January	Saturday 11 th January
Monday 13 th January	Normal collection days resume

Waste and recycling should be ready for collection by 7am on your collection day.

Seasonal Recycling

Christmas cards, non-foil wrapping paper & cardboard tubes from crackers can all be recycled in your blue bin, and don't forget all the extra bottles, cans & cardboard that Christmas brings. Please recycle all that you can. Witchford & Milton Recycling Centres will close from 1pm on Christmas Eve & will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Years Day. Further information can be obtained by telephoning 0345 045 5207 or at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

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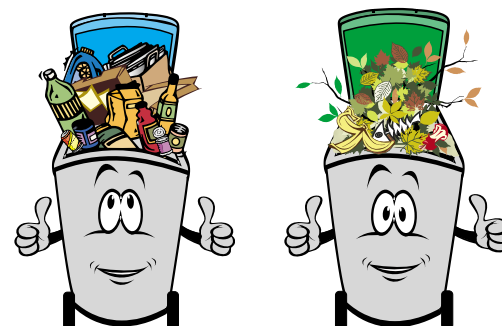
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What materials do you recycle in your wheeled bins?

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| o Newspapers | ☐ | • Food cans | ☐ |
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| o Junk mail | ☐ | • Foil | ☐ |
| o Office paper | ☐ | • Aerosols | ☐ |
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| o Telephone directories | ☐ | • Hard plastic food containers | ☐ |
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Green bin – Garden & Food waste

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- Vegetable waste ☐
- Meat ☐
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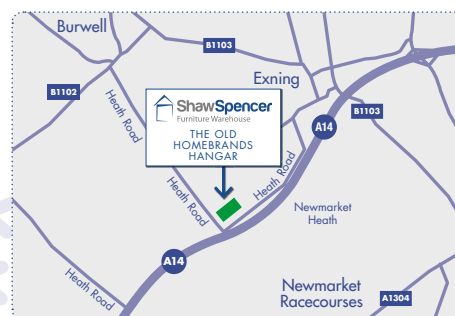
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'I was trying to break ties after prison'

AN ex-convict told magistrates he attacked a man in a park and smashed a pub window as he tried to break ties with bad influences after being freed from prison.

Wayne Danks, 39, assaulted his friend of 19 years in front of children at Soham Recreation Ground before going to the town's Red Lion pub to have it out with the landlord, smashing a window pane after being thrown out.

At Cambridge Magistrates' Court, Danks admitted assaulting Andrew McMahon on November 23 and criminal damage to the pub in the early hours of November 24.

Representing himself, Danks told the court: "I have been friends with these people for a long time."

"It's these people that I have got myself into trouble with in the past and I had gone to see them with the belief that if I dealt with the situation and put these friends behind me I could get on with my life."

Paul Brown, prosecuting, said Danks accused Mr McMahon of

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taking some of his tools after he asked him to help him move some of his belongings following his release from prison for a domestic violence offence.

Mr Brown said they arranged to meet at the recreation ground, which is where the assault happened. He said: "The defendant pushed him two or three times in the chest, then punched him two or three times to the face."

He said a member of the public tried to stop them because children were playing nearby.

Danks, of no fixed abode, then went to the Red Lion, where he used to work, to speak to the landlord Kenneth Oliver to "bury the hatchet".

But there was an altercation, the defendant was thrown out and he punched the window smashing a single pane, Mr Brown said.

The case was adjourned until January 7 for sentencing.



MOTHER NATURE: Volunteers planting the trees in Little Downham's conservation area

Growth industry! Volunteers plant 30 trees at conservation area

ABOUT 30 new trees have been planted in a village conservation area.

An army of volunteers grabbed their spades and planted the young trees in Little Downham.

The trees, planted during National Tree Week, were supplied by the Trust for Conservation Volunteers (TCV), based in Doncaster, and included small leaved lime, rowan, cherry and native oaks.

Mike England, chairman of the Little Downham Conservation Group, said: "The limes were decided on in order to

allow our village bees to collect nectar, which will produce a totally different honey to that of oil seed rape which was this year's product.

"The other trees will benefit not only us but birds as well, with oak as our country's mainstay species."

"It was also good to see a village youngster planting the first apple tree in the village's community orchard in 2006."

"All that remains is for the community to look after them and reap their benefits."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Get creative with stained glass

FAMILIES are being invited to get creative at Ely's Stained Glass Museum.

A glass fusing workshop is being held there on Saturday where people will be able to make their own Christmas trees as gifts or decorations.

On Monday, a similar workshop will enable people to make Christmas-themed tiles.

The workshops are running from 10.30am-12.30pm on both days, are suitable for children aged 7 and over, and cost £10 each.

To book your place, call (01353) 660347.

Christmas services at cathedral

CAROL services are being held at Ely Cathedral on Sunday and on Christmas Eve. Both services start at 6pm.

Children's crib services are also being held at the cathedral on Christmas Eve at 12pm and 3pm, as well as midnight mass at 11.30pm.

On Christmas Day, there will be Holy Communion at 8.15am, Sung Eucharist at 10.30am and Evensong at 4pm.

For more information about Christmas services at the cathedral, call (01353) 660349.

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The bright red truck, which is the star of one of the most popular Christmas adverts of all time, visited the city as part of its annual festive tour around the UK.

Coca Cola announced the visit in November and families flocked from far and wide to see the truck, pose for pictures with it and get into the festive spirit.

The truck was parked on Market Place from around 9am right the way through to 9pm, enabling plenty of residents, tourists and city centre workers to get up close to it.

Among those who visited were local friends Lucy Thorne, Emma Dunkley and Sarah Salmons, with their four children.

Emma said: "The atmosphere was brilliant – really festive and just what you needed to get into the Christmas spirit."

"I think it's a great boost for Ely and is just what families want – a good bit of free, festive fun!"

Tracey Harding, tourism chief at East Cambridgeshire District Council, said the visit was a "great boost" for Ely.

She said: "It was fantastic to have something which has become an icon of Christmas in Ely this year."

"It was a great boost to the city centre with its festive cheer and I am



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sure local businesses will have benefited from all the visitors who have come along to experience what the event had to offer."

The truck is visiting a total of 52 UK destinations this Christmas. Visit www.coca-cola.co.uk.



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Families enjoyed getting up close to the iconic Coca Cola truck on Tuesday, and listening to the group of singers. Left: Lee and Jeanette Brown with daughter Chloe, 2

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Firefighters to strike – three times

THREE more strikes have been called by the national Fire Brigades Union (FBU) in the ongoing row over pension pay.

Union members at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) will be striking on Christmas Eve from 7pm-12am, on New Year's Eve from 6.30pm-12.30am and from 6.30-8.30am on Friday, January 3.

The service says it has back up plans to ensure it can still answer 999 calls but the service is warning residents that they will not match the service's normal day-to-day cover.

Chris Strickland, deputy chief fire officer, said: "This latest industrial action has been called at a time when people will want to be at home with their families and this may impact on our ability to find enough suitable staff to provide an effective operational response."

"We will know in the coming days what effect the timing of the strikes will have on the level of service we can provide to the community in Cambridgeshire and, as with all the previous strikes, we will endeavour to provide the best service we can."



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MOVIE MANIA: 'Gravity' (12A) is being screened at Ely Cinema, at The Maltings, on Sunday, December 29 at 7.30pm. For tickets or more information about upcoming films, call (01353) 616991 or visit www.adec.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS SHOW: Remember the 'Art Unwrapped Christmas Show' is running at the Babylon Gallery, in Waterside, throughout December. Dozens of artists are exhibiting and selling their work at the show, which is open from 12-4pm each day and entry is free. Call (01353) 616991.

SCRABBLE GAMES: Ely Scrabble Club next meets on Thursday, December 12. The club meets at Ely Library, in The Cloisters, on alternate Thursdays from 1-3pm. Call 07827 966475.

THEATRE FANS: Ely Theatregoers Club is welcoming new members. The club is for people of all ages who enjoy all types of theatre. Call 07887 240483 or visit www.elytheatregoers.co.uk.

SOCIAL GROUP: Meet new friends and people with similar interests via the Ely Social Group. All are welcome but the majority of members are aged 40 and above. Call Andy on 07791 691673 or Annette on (01353) 661755.

CLEAR OUT: Ely's Oxfam shop urgently needs men's, women's and children's winter clothing and accessories. Visit the shop in High Street for more information.

DE-CLUTTER: Ely City Football Club, in Downham Road, holds a car boot sale every Sunday, weather permitting. The sales start at 7am, pitches are £4 and entry is 20p each. Call John on (01353) 862846.

LUNCH DATE: Ely Lunch Club next meets on Thursday, December 19. The club meets at the Prince Albert public

Agents donate 50 hampers

AN estate agents in Ely has gone out of its way to help families in need this Christmas.

Over the last few weeks, Tucker Gardner has been supporting Ely Foodbank's Christmas Appeal by asking customers and residents to help them donate as much to the foodbank as possible.

Thanks to the generosity of local people and businesses, the firm has been able to donate a total of 50 hampers full of edible goodies.

Andy Bassett, branch manager, said: "We are delighted to announce that our Foodbank Christmas appeal

house, in Silver Street, on alternate Thursdays from 12-2pm. Call 07827 966475.

GET SPIRITUAL: Ely and District SNU Spiritualist Church holds a service with mediumship at the Larkfields Centre, in High Barns, every Thursday at 7.30pm. Spiritual healing is available from 6.30pm. Call 07769 963850.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT: Ely Pregnancy Information Centre (EPIC) runs a drop-in session at the Lighthouse Centre, in Lynn Road, every Tuesday from 12.30-2.30pm. Call 07957 897314.



has been a huge success.

"With the help and generosity of local businesses and the general public we have been able to provide 50 hampers full of treats and goodies.

"We are still collecting and hope we can continue to receive support for

our appeal right up until Christmas.

"Please drop into our Market Square office where donations can be made and help us fill another 50 festive hampers to be distributed to those living locally who need it most." Visit www.ely.foodbank.org.uk for more information.

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CARER SUPPORT: Cambridgeshire County Council's carers support team's next drop-in session at the village hall, in Victoria Street, is being held on Thursday, December 19 from 10am-1pm. The session is for people who look after a partner, family member or friend. Call (01354) 750010.

GENEROUS DONATION: Littleport Ex-servicemen's Club has raised £800 for East Anglia's Children's Hospices by holding a charity dance, bingo night and prize draw.

DIARY DATES: A Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament is being held at Littleport Leisure Centre on Friday, December 20. On Sunday, December 22 a quiz night is also taking place to raise funds for the centre and on Monday, December 23 children are being invited to a Christmas disco. Call the centre on (01353) 860600.

LITTLE THETFORD

COFFEE MORNINGS: Little Thetford Baptist Chapel hosts coffee mornings on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10am. Email tudor.parsons@btinternet.com for more information.

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COMMUNITY CHOIR: Rock Vox Choir, a friendly choir for rock, pop, soul, Motown and funk music lovers, meets at Prickwillow Village Hall every Sunday from 7pm-9pm. Visit www.rockvoxchoir.co.uk.

STRETHAM

FESTIVE MARKET: Stretham's annual Christmas farmers' market is being held on Saturday, December 21. As ever, there will be everything from locally-reared turkeys to homemade chutneys around the Village Cross from 9am-2pm, as well as carol singing and a visit from Santa.

BINGO SUCCESS: Stretham Bingo Committee has handed £750 to the East Anglian Air Ambulance following numerous successful bingo nights.

SUTTON

HEROES DONATION: A charity bingo night held in Sutton on December 6 raised £645 for Help for Heroes.

WELNEY

SWAN FEEDS: Floodlit swan feeds are being held at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT) Welney throughout December. The feeds are held every Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 6.30pm. Call (01353) 860711.

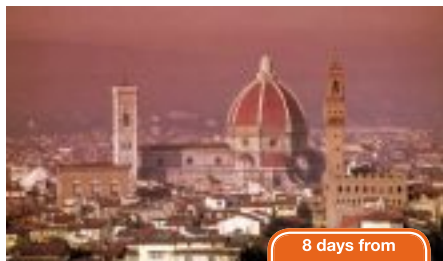
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PEOPLE IN THE PICTURE

Wheelie good news – we've bin chosen as the winners!

TWO schoolgirls from Soham have won a host of prizes – including a specially-decorated wheelie bin.

Budgens of Soham and East Cambridgeshire District Council joined forces to run a 'Decorate your Wheelie Bin' competition in the autumn.

A total of 132 people took part by coming up with imaginative and colourful designs for their bins and the winners were Courtney Cornell and Naomi Brown.

The girls, both pupils at The Weatheralls Primary School, won an armful of prizes donated by sponsors, as well as a wheelie bin each decorated with their designs.

Caroline Bosworth, community liaison manager at Budgens, said: "We were overwhelmed with the number of entries we received."



WHEELIE GOOD: From left: Caroline Bosworth pictured with Courtney, Naomi and Cllr Kevin Ellis

The sponsors included C E Fuller and Co, Corkers Crisps, KNA creative and Soham Pumpkin Fair.

Cllr Kevin Ellis, waste

and recycling champion at the district council, said: "I am sure the families will be incredibly proud to put out their bins in the years to come."

Tours of Netherhall Manor gardens raise a stunning £25,000 for charity

A SOHAM man has raised a whopping £25,000 for charity by opening his stunning gardens to the public.

For the last 20 years, Timothy Clark, who lives at Netherhall Manor, in Tanners Lane, has taken part in the National Gardens Scheme's (NGS) Open Gardens.

Every year, often more than once, Mr Clark invites members of the public to tour his picturesque gardens, with all funds raised going to the NGS and local charities.

For raising an impressive £25,000 over the years, the



SUCCESS: Timothy Clark and his friends celebrate the £25,000 NGS milestone at The White Pheasant

organisation has presented him with the prestigious NGS fork and trowel.

To mark the major milestone, Mr Clark also decided to treat his helpful friends and volunteers to dinner at The White Pheasant in Fordham.

Next year, the award-winning restaurant will be serving produce from the collection of heritage plants at Netherhall Manor, including some eggs from Mr Clark's flock of Maran chickens.

Digging up the past is focus of new archaeology group

A NEW archaeology group has been set up in East Cambridgeshire to bring together those with an interest in digging up the past.

Jigsaw Cambridgeshire launched the East Cambs Archaeology Group with a successful first meeting at Ely Museum earlier this month.

People of all ages with an interest in archaeology are invited to join.

A spokeswoman for the group said: "We had a great first meeting. "Eight new people



DIG DEEP: The new group is for anyone in the area who is interested in archaeology

signed up and we're getting more and more interest. "Our next meeting will

be in January." For more information, visit www.jigsawcambs.org.

Pamphlet of poetry and art launched

ARTWORK inspired by Ely Museum and poetry by writers across Cambridgeshire feature in a new collection.

'Glass Cases and Curios' is a new pamphlet of poetry and art inspired by museums throughout the East of England.

The limited edition booklet, produced by creative consultant Karen Harvey and Fenland Poet Laureate Leanne Moden, features the work of 22 talented writers and artists from across the region.

It also boasts artwork inspired by local museums, including Ely Museum, and writing by Leanne and fellow local poet laureates.

Just some of those whose work features in it include Elaine Ewart, Deb Curtis and JS Watts.

The booklet, priced at £4, is available by emailing info@karen-harvey.co.uk.

Revd Church to take on new role

THE Revd Canon Linda Church has been appointed Director of Ministry for the Diocese of Ely.

Linda, who will take up the new role in January, is currently Rector of the Four Church Benefice comprising the parishes of Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth and Thriplow in the diocese.

The Bishop of Ely, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway, said:

"Canon Linda Church will bring her rich experience as a parish priest to the role of Director of Ministry.

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THE QUEEN'S SHOES: Delightful range at Sedgeway Business Park



ON THE SEDGEWAY BUSINESS PARK: From left are The Witchford Lighting Centre, The Ely Tile Centre and TJ Flooring

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Rozzy's Stables at Sedgeway Equestrian Centre

Stable Centre a boost for Rozzy

ALTHOUGH she is just 18 years of age, Rozzy Goodjohn probably has more equine experience than someone twice her age!

As the daughter of two Goodjohn generations who own and run Sedgeway Equestrian Centre and the business park itself, Rozzy's life has always revolved around horses. She first sat in the saddle at the tender age of four and by the time she was nine Rozzy owned her first pony named Ruby.

To this day Ruby is still teaching children to ride in the riding school! Since these early days Rozzy has continued her riding and has truly excelled, competing in the disciplines of show jumping, dressage and eventing. She is out competing as regularly as possible, and loves nothing more than riding under the pressure of competition.

Anyone who watches her in the saddle cannot help but comment on her outstanding riding ability and of course the horse's performance. Another of Rozzy's unique gifts is her

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ability to produce high quality young horses, which she acquires around the age of four and then with a huge quantity of hard work and sheer determination turns them into the best horse they can possibly be for their age.

For the past three years Rozzy has been working her way through the NVQ diploma levels 2 & 3 in horse care, riding and coaching. In the New Year she hopes to add to these qualifications by completing the BHS stages with a view to continuing to expand her understanding of horse care and management. With these qualifications and the depth of her experience the timing could be no better for her to start her very own business. "Rozzy's Stables" is based at Sedgeway Equestrian Centre, where seven brand new stables have been built to help fulfil her dream.

This was the brainchild of her grandfather Dennis Goodjohn who long ago recognised her drive, enthusiasm and com-



IN THE SADDLE: Rozzy Goodjohn on The Young Artist

mitment to succeed, and he felt the time was now right to reward all her hard work in the form of this huge investment.

None of this would have been possible however without her father Carl Goodjohn who was responsible for the building

project.

From "Rozzy's Stables" Rozzy will be offering a part livery service which includes daily

routine care carried out to the highest of standards. Owing to her experience this is not all that is available. Rozzy also offers the additional options of schooling, clipping, grooming and sales Livery to mention but a few. With all of this, it is clear to see the vision and passion this young lady has.

To enquire about anything Rozzy has to offer she can be contacted on 07960 097677 or alternatively she can be found working at Sedgeway Equestrian Centre on Wednesday, Saturday, Tuesday evening and Thursday evening, where she is yard manager organising and running the daily tasks of the riding school.

Another of Sedgeway Equestrian Centres attributes is its highly successful riding school, which is widely regarded by many as the best riding school in the area due to its warm, friendly staff and the outstanding condition of the horses and facilities as a whole.

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SUCCESS STORY: Rozzy at Sedgeway Equestrian Centre

Business

Programme supports Ely's young Scouts

ELY District Scouts raised an impressive £2,700 through a bag packing event at the city's Sainsbury's store.

The event, which took place on Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8, was part of the company's Corporate Christmas Programme.

Groups from across the district came together to raise money for a residential trip to Austria by offering to pack shoppers' bags in return for a small donation.

Assistant Cub leader Simon Paine said: "I would like to say a massive thank you on behalf of the Ely District Scouts to all of the customers who supported us and made a donation.

"We managed to raise almost £3,000 which will really help towards the funds for our trip next year."

For more information about the Sainsbury's Corporate Christmas Programme, visit www.sainsburys.co.uk.

Apprentice scheme cooks up a storm

PUPILS at King's Ely are tasting the difference as a result of the East Cambridgeshire Apprenticeship Scheme.

The programme, which helps local businesses recruit new apprentices and give young people the chance to find employment, has brought Alice Kingham, 18, and the school together.

Alice, who studied at Ely College, is undertaking an apprenticeship as a trainee chef at Cambridge Regional College, and is now also being taught the tricks of the trade by head chef at King's Ely, Tony McNally.

Alice said: "It is great to have the opportunity to work in a professional kitchen. I find it more rewarding working in an active kitchen and learning all the time."

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"It is really testing the skills I learned at Cambridge Regional College and Tony and the team in the kitchen are very supportive and are there to help at any time."

The East Cambridgeshire Apprenticeship Scheme helps to support local businesses and provide opportunities for young people by topping up the national AGE grant of £1,500 by up to an additional £2,000 if the business takes on a young person as an apprentice.

The scheme aims to help eight to ten new apprentices to find work in its first year.

Businesses wishing to access the scheme should call (01353) 665555 and ask to speak to the economic development team.



BUDDING CHEF: Alice, front, with Sue Freestone, principal of King's Ely, Tony McNally, head chef at King's and district Cllr Tom Kerby

Continued success for Price Bailey

AN accountancy firm has been named as one of the most inspirational companies in Britain.

Chartered accountants Price Bailey, who have offices in Ely and throughout the UK, has been included in the London Stock Exchange's 1,000 Companies to Inspire Britain report.

The report highlights how important medium sized companies are to the UK's economy and recognises companies which have achieved significant growth.

Price Bailey's executive chairman Peter Gillman said: "We are very proud to have been recognised in this way."

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Robin Hood

hits the target



THE Cambridge Arts Theatre panto is a bit like a trip to Pizza Express: you always know roughly what you're going to get - and it's always exactly what you want.

Though company members may come and go, there are certain traditions that must always endure: you know, for example, that the ravens will leave the Tower before the Arts panto foregoes a 'messy' scene with buckets of slop and the most wince-inducing pratfalls this side of Norman Wisdom.

If this suggests a tick-box approach, or anyone going through the motions, nothing could be further from the truth. Every year, producer Dave Murphy and his team succeed in finding inventive new ways of playing the old riffs so that, whether it's your first Arts panto or your 31st, no-one goes home disappointed.

This year's model brings magic and folklore to the fore: from the flying bicycle that opens the show to the scenes of the young royal babes lost in the enchanted forest - home to some impressive talking trees - and the wicked old hag of a witch, there's a

real fairytale quality to the story.

It's also the most musical panto I've ever seen, with the cast breaking out into variations on pop classics every few minutes. That might test the patience of some children (mainly boys, I suspect) but my five-year-old son assured me he "sort of" enjoyed them.

It was the only thing in the production to draw anything like a lukewarm response: elsewhere, he was dazzled by just about everything, cheering on Robin and his Merry Men in their struggle against the wicked Sheriff of Nottingham, and laughing so hard when (sensitive children be warned) the latter chopped the head off a Peppa Pig toy I thought he might be in danger of losing his own.

Former *Coronation Street* and *The Bill* star Stephen Beckett is fabulous as the boo-hiss (and camp as Christmas) Sheriff, reprising his crowd-pleasing shtick from last year's Jack and the Beanstalk of taunting the audience for our lack of good breeding, with our 'minging' faces and Primark and George at Asda clothing.

West End star Ross Hunter is suitably dashing

REVIEW

Paul Kirkley (and son) enjoy an infectious, feelgood family show at Cambridge Arts Theatre

the GUIDE



as Robin (though his insistence on singing in an American accent is a bit jarring for England's greatest folk hero) but it's Lorna Want's spunky Maid Marian who has the real cojones - she's smarter and braver than the hero, and can kick his ass in a fight, to boot. Sophie Isaacs is equally gutsy as magical sprite Beyonce Willoweb, while Jonny Weldon, Ian Redford and Richard Earl are strong comic foils as Will Scarlett, Friar Tuck and Little John.

Inevitably, though, it's Arts panto mainstay Matt Crosby - who co-wrote the script with director Michael Fentiman - who steals the show as Nurse Nelly, bringing a large dollop of sauce of to this plum pudding, not least in a hilarious labour scene - I've seen plenty of pantos in my time, but watching a fully-grown man emerge from the dame's bloomers has to be a first.

The relentless gag rate makes room for some old favourites - including a welcome return for the Cambridge United bra (little support and no cups, I thank you), while much sport is made of

anachronistic references to Facebook, twerking and the Sheriff slapping an ASBO on Robin Hoodie. It's also a surprisingly sexy show, choreographer Kevan Allen's dancers bringing some Chicago-style sass to a series of not overly-dressed routines. Definitely something for - ahem - the whole family, then.

Played with infectious enthusiasm by a talented cast who give every indication of having the time of their lives, this fast, funny, magical, silly and scary (but not too scary) show zings like a quiver full of arrows and hits the bullseye every time. Each morning, I tell my son a story on the way to school. For the last six months, the request has either been for a story about Doctor Who or those darned Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The morning after the panto, he wanted a story about Robin Hood versus the Sheriff of Nottingham. They say panto is the perfect introduction to theatre for children. There's your proof.

● **Robin Hood**, Cambridge Arts Theatre until Sunday, Jan 12. For times and prices, call (01223) 503 333 or visit cambridgeartstheatre.com

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The spirit of Christmas

Last week we brought you the lowdown on panto season (visit cambridge-news.co.uk/whatson for details), this week it's the turn of festive shows and services that involve fewer thigh slaps...

The Dowsing Christmas Cocktail

Cambridge Corn Exchange, Saturday, December 21 at 7.30pm.
Tickets £18 from (01223) 357851

The Dowsing Collective – a very talented and quirky local choir – is hosting a show with their take on some Christmas classics. Yes, The Pogues will be on the bill, as will the likes of Basement Jaxx and Mumford & Sons. Local folkster Boo Hewerdine is also set to make a special appearance. We promise you, they're ace.

Christmas Carol Concert

St John's College Chapel, Cambridge, Saturday, December 21 at 7pm.

Sing along to some traditional Christmas carols in aid of Cancer Research UK – in a pretty spectacular setting we might add.

Family Christmas Concert

Cambridge Corn Exchange, Monday, December 23 at 4pm.
Tickets £4-£8 from (01223) 357851

Pop along for some classic Christmas tunes (including *White Christmas*, *Sleigh Ride* and *The Snowman*), performed by Cambridgeshire County Youth Orchestra and members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. The afternoon will be conducted by Tim Redmond with a special guest narrator yet to be announced. It's going to be oh so festive. All together now... "Walking in the aaair."

A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

King's College Chapel, Tuesday, December 24 at 3pm.

You can't get more traditional than a Christmas service and carols at King's on Christmas Eve. Unfortunately tickets have already been allocated, but you can huddle round the radio and listen to it live on BBC Radio 4 or watch it on BBC2 with wine and mince pies in the evening.



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The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty (PG): Thu

12.20, 3, 5.50, 7.40, 8.30

47 Ronin [3D] (12A): Thu 3.30, 9.10

47 Ronin (12A): Thu 6.20

Anchorman 2 – The Legend Continues

(15): Fri-Sat 12.30, 3.20, 5.20, 6.10,

8.10, 9, 10.50, 11.10; Sun-Tues 12.30,

3.20, 5.20, 6.10, 8.10, 9; Thu 12.30,

3.20, 6.10, 8.10, 9

Walking With Dinosaurs [3D] (U): Fri-

Tues 10.50am, 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8; Thu

11.30am, 2, 6.30

Walking With Dinosaurs (U): Fri-Mon

12.10, 2.30; Tues 11.30am; Thu

10.50am, 4.15

The Harry Hill Movie (PG): Fri-Tues

12noon, 2.20, 4.40, 7.10; Thu

11.10am, 1.30, 3.50, 6

Moshi Monsters: The Movie (U): Fri-

Tues 10.30am, 12.40, 2.50; Thu

11.20am, 1.20

The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug

[3D] (12A): Fri-Sat 12.40, 4.20, 6.40,

7.50, 10.10; Sun-Mon 12.40, 4.20, 6.40,

7.50; Tues 12.40, 4.20, 5, 7.50; Thu

12.40, 4.10, 7.50

The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug

(12A): Fri-Sat 11.50am, 3.30, 5, 7, 8.30,

10.30; Sun-Mon 11.50am, 3.30, 5, 7

(subtitles Mon), 8.30; Tues 11.50am,

3.30, 6.40, 7, 8.30; Thu 1.10, 4.50, 7,

8.40

Frozen [3D] (PG): Fri 12.20, 3, 5.40;

Sat-Sun 12.20 (subtitles), 3, 5.40, 8.20;

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8.20; Thu 11.40am, 2.20, 5

Frozen (PG): Fri-Sun 10.40am, 1.20, 4;

Mon 1.20, 4; Tues 10.40am, 1.20, 4; Thu

11am, 1.40, 4.20

Homefront (15): Sat 11

Free Birds (U): Sun-Tues 10.10am

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (12A):

Fri-Tues 9.10; Thu 8.50

Gravity (12A): Fri-Sat 11.20

Bollywood

Doom 3 (12A, subtitled): Fri 8.20; Mon

8.20

Movies for juniors

Turbo [3D] (U): Sat-Tues 10.30am

Turbo (U): Sat 10.05am (subtitles),

10.20am; Sun-Tues 10.20am

The Muppet Christmas Carol (U): Sat

10am

Despicable Me 2 (U): Sat 10.10am

Royal Ballet Live: The Nutcracker

(Encore Screening) (U): Tues 1.45

Cinebabies – parent & baby screenings

(under 18 months): Frozen (PG): Mon

10.40am

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Arthur Christmas 2D [U]: Sat 10.30am,

11am

Bolshoi: Sleeping Beauty [U]: Sun 4.30

Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom [12A]:

Thu 8.40

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Walking With Dinosaurs [3D] (U): Fri-

Tues 11.30am, 1.45, 4, 6.15, 8.30; Thu

10.50am, 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.10

Walking With Dinosaurs (U): Fri-Tues

10.40am, 1; Thu 10.05am, 12.20, 2.40

The Harry Hill Movie (PG): Fri-Tues

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11.30am, 1.30, 2.10, 4.50; Thu 12.20, 3,

5.40

Nebraska (15): Fri-Tues 10am; Thu 10am

Free Birds (U): Fri-Tues 11am

The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (12A):

Fri-Tues 9.10; Thu 9.10

Movies for juniors

Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2

[3D] (U): Thu 10am

Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs 2

(U): Thu 10am

Turbo [3D] (U): Fri-Tues 10am

Turbo (U): Fri-Tues 10am; Thu 10am

Despicable Me 2 (U): Sat-Sun 10am

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film of the week

WALKING WITH DINOSAURS - THE 3D MOVIE
certificate U, 1h27m

IN October 1999, six years after Steven Spielberg restored Tyrannosaurus Rex to the top of the food chain in *Jurassic Park*, the BBC unveiled its groundbreaking series *Walking With Dinosaurs*.

Narrated by Kenneth Branagh, the programme employed state-of-the-art animatronics and computer-generated effects to step back in time to the Mesozoic Era.

The six-part journey into a lost world populated by majestic beasts captivated viewers and won numerous awards, including two BAFTAs and three Emmys. Now comes *Walking With Dinosaurs – The 3D Movie*, the next evolution employing dazzling visuals to explore a familiar story of triumph against adversity in the late Cretaceous period.

Screenwriter John Collee's simplistic script emphasises the educational aspects by repeatedly freeze-framing the action to provide us with the genus, English translation and feeding classification of each



dinosaur.

Humour is pitched at younger audiences – the opening sequence is a feast of dino-poop – with occasional concessions to parents.

A clumsy yet well-intentioned framing device introduces Bulldust, the leader of a herd of herbivorous Pachyrhinosaurus. Bulldust must impose his authority on younger rivals while keeping an eye on his newly hatched brood including Scowler (voiced by Skyler Stone) and his weakling brother Patchi (Justin Long).

As the siblings grow up, Patchi learns to compensate for his small stature to overcome the obstacles

that life throws at him and woo his sweetheart, Juniper (Tiya Sircar). All the while his wise-cracking best friend Alex (John Leguizamo) keeps a close eye on Patchi as together they face the merciless Gorgosaurus, high-flying Pterosaurs and the chicken-like Hesperonychus.

Walking With Dinosaurs – The 3D Movie is visually arresting edutainment that makes fleeting use of the eye-popping format.

Scenes that might be a tad scary for the very young are preceded by a verbal warning from Alex, giving parents sufficient time to create a cuddle cage from the necessary bloodshed.

Book time for yourself

THINK of the festive season and you probably think of being snuggled up inside by a roaring fire – but put a new gardening book on your Christmas wish-list, and you could be thinking of your spring planting too.

Whether you're a grow-your-own beginner, or a more experienced enthusiast wanting to try something new, there's a wealth of inspirational and educational horticultural reads out there.

Here's a few of the best...

■ *The Allotment Planner*, by Matthew Appleby is published in hardback by Frances Lincoln, priced £14.99

If you fancy taking on an allotment in the new year, or already have one you'd like to develop further, this handy guide will help you plan your planting schemes and give you insights into how to make the most of your plot – be that simply growing something new to eat or making money from your produce. Appleby has written it in a month-by-month format, with bullet point ideas in many sections and practical advice throughout.

■ *Clondeglass: Creating A Garden Paradise* by Dermot O'Neill is published in hardback by Kyle,



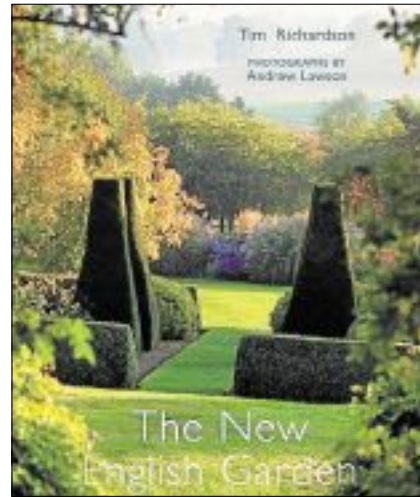
by Hannah Stephenson

priced £25

This glorious book with beautiful, inspirational pictures, tells the story of the transformation of the walled garden at Clondeglass in Co. Laois, Ireland, from derelict, neglected wasteland to the stunning creation it is today. As the restoration is lovingly recorded, the author's own personal battle with cancer is also charted as he explores the positive, therapeutic role gardening can play in recovering from a serious illness.

■ *The New English Garden*, by Tim Richardson is published in hardback by Frances Lincoln, priced £40

This coffee table tome will definitely impress visitors coming for Christmas drinks. It explores an exceptionally rich period in English garden design, selecting 25 gardens which have gone through an intense phase of creativity and innovation in the last 20 years. The gardens chosen (most of which are open to the public), cover the wide range of styles flourishing in English garden design today, including the Prince of Wales's garden at Highgrove, Trentham Gardens (a Capability Brown landscape imaginatively reworked for the



20th century by Piet Oudolf, Tom Stuart-Smith and Dominic Cole), Arabella Lennox-Boyd's own garden, and Christopher Bradley-Hole's Modernist garden at Crockmore House. Illustrated with more than 300 fantastic photographs.

■ *RHS What To Plant Where Encyclopaedia* is published in hardback by Dorling Kindersley, priced £25

Knowing where to plant is just as important as choosing what to plant when planning the perfect garden. In this new encyclopaedia, RHS experts make both factors easy with details on more than 3,000 shrubs, perennials, trees, flowers and bulbs, and the best sites to plant them. The book is divided into two sections: locations and plants for effect, which suggests planting for different uses.

■ *Perfect Patios and Terraces: How to Enhance Outdoor Spaces With Paving, Walls, Fences and Plants, Shown in 100 Photographs* by Andrew



Mikolajski is published in hardback by Lorenz Books, priced £3.99

If your patio needs sprucing up, this ideal stocking-filler may provide you with the inspiration you need. It offers ideas for paths and paving with bricks, tiles, cobbles, gravel, railway sleepers and mosaics, and how to use walls, fences, plants, furniture, lighting and ornaments on a range of sites including sunny, shady and windy, as well as structures suitable for children and pets.

■ *Which? Choosing Garden Plants Made Easy* is published in paperback, by Which?, priced £8.99

The *Which?* gardening guides are well-loved for their practical information, simple layout and easy-to-follow format. This latest edition is no exception and, as well as showing how to gain the best results, offers details on how each plant tested in trials by the *Which?* Gardening experts.

ACROSS

1. The spirit of the Netherlands (8)
5. The monster is spilling gore (4)
9. A song from Maria Callas (4)
10. Huge deficit in fuel (8)
11. Drive back the returning leper (5)
12. Harps on about these children (7)
13. Cooking toast in Wogan's cars (7-6)
18. Means to say it's a long time (8)
19. Records of wood (4)
20. The innocence of Botham going back to check the England opener (7)
21. Where you might see a horse running? (5)
22. It's said to stun for a long time (4)
23. A writer from Shetland? (8)

DOWN

2. Present requiring electricity? (7)
3. Closest Eastern resort (7)

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crossword

4. It is one to join together a statement (13)
6. Postage changes for the German secret police (7)
7. Joins up tinsel somehow before the end of Christmas (7)
8. The band goes to Los Angeles for a game (6)
13. Marked instead, perhaps (7)
14. It can be used up any time (7)
15. Is the first murder victim a girl? (6)
16. Celebration held by a knight (7)
17. I.e. ring a cook in Africa (7)

Last week's answers: Across: 1 Piston; 4 Arabic; 9 Secret service; 10 Operate; 11 Bogus; 12 Match; 14 Stand; 18 Rayon; 19 Disrobe; 21 Stiff upper lip; 22 Orders; 23 Stayed. Down: 1 Pistol; 2 Secretary bird; 3 Omega; 5 Rarebit; 6 Bring into play; 7 Crease; 8 Usher; 13 Conifer; 15 Fresco; 16 Adept; 17 Reaped; 20 Scent.

sudoku

Last week's answer:

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puzzles

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters

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BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen. 11.30 Nigel Slater's Christmas Suppers. 12.00pm Football Focus. 12.45 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 1.15 Inspire: The Olympic Journey. 1.45 Live Equestrian. The Olympia International Horse Show. 4.30 Final Score. 5.20 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.40 Pointless Celebrities.

6.30 Strictly Come Dancing. 7.55 Atlantis. Part one of two. Jason is reminded of his pact with Circe.

8.40 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Bruce and Tess announce the viewers' favourite, who will be following in the dance steps of last year's winner Louis Smith. Plus, Robbie Williams performs. Last in the series.

9.50 The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results.

10.00 BBC News; Weather. 10.20 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Manchester United v West Ham United; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two.

1.05am Weatherview. 1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 6.15 Natural World: Heligan - Secrets of the Lost Garden. 7.15 Antiques Road Trip. 10.15 Restoration Home. 11.15 Alex Polizzi's Christmas Fix. 12.15pm The A to Z of TV Cooking. 1.00 FILM: 12 Dates of Christmas (2011). Premiere. Romantic fantasy, with Amy Smart and Mark-Paul Gosselaar. 2.25 FILM: Confessions of a Shopaholic (2009). Comedy, starring Isla Fisher. 4.00 Are You Being Served? 4.30 Flog It! 5.25 FILM: The Young Victoria (2009). Historical drama, starring Emily Blunt.

7.05 Christmas University Challenge. Kent takes on Lancaster.

7.35 'Allo 'Allo! Yvette reveals she is pregnant.

8.20 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring's brother visits.

9.00 The World's Most Expensive Stolen Paintings. Alastair Sooke investigates audacious art thefts.

10.00 Ronnie Barker: The Many Faces Of. A profile of the comedy actor and writer.

11.00 The Two Ronnies: The Studio Recordings.

11.30 The Wrong Mans. 1.00am FILM: Wake Wood (2010). Premiere. Horror, with Aidan Gillen and Eva Birthistle. 2.25 Sign Zone: The Day I Got My Sight Back. 3.15 Sign Zone: The Silent War. 4.15 This Is BBC2. Preview of upcoming programmes.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 The Home of Fabulous Cakes. 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. 11.25 ITV News and Weather; Weather. 11.30 Surprise Surprise. 12.30pm Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel. 1.30 The Unforgettable Frankie Howard. 2.00 FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008). Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. 4.05 Harry Potter: Behind the Magic - The Order of the Phoenix. 5.05 ITV News Anglia; Weather. 5.15 ITV News and Weather. 5.30 The Chase: Celebrity Special.

6.30 FILM: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (2007). Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

9.10 The Illusionists. Leading magicians and illusionists perform large-scale tricks, comedy magic and escape stunts for a celebrity-packed crowd at Hammersmith's Apollo theatre.

10.15 ITV News and Weather; Weather.

10.30 FILM: You, Me and Dupree (2006). A thirtysomething jobless layabout moves in with his newlywed best friend - who comes to regret his act of hospitality. Comedy, with Owen Wilson.

12.30am Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20am FILM: Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story (2005). Family drama, starring Kurt Russell. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 The American Football Show. 10.00 Frasier. 10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.30 The Simpsons. 12.25pm Jamie's Best Ever Christmas. 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.00 Gadget Man. 4.30 Come Dine with Me.

7.05 Channel 4 News.

7.15 FILM: Deck the Halls (2006). Two neighbours feud over who has the best Christmas lights and end up resorting to desperate measures to outdo each other. Comedy, starring Danny DeVito.

9.00 FILM: Four Christmases (2008). A couple struggle to make it through four family Christmases on the same day as they see each of their divorced parents in turn. Comedy, with Vince Vaughn.

10.40 FILM: Sanctum (2011). Premiere. A team of divers exploring undersea caves becomes trapped and must find a way through the caverns to the surface. Thriller, starring Richard Roxburgh.

12.50am Stand Up for the Week. 1.35 Fresh Meat. 2.20 Holyoaks. 4.35 90210. 5.15 Suburgatory. 5.40 The American Football Show.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.10 Inside Hollywood. 10.20 The Dog Rescuers. 10.50 World's Strongest Man 2013: Qualifiers. 11.55 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. 12.55pm FILM: Home Alone 4 (2002). Comedy sequel, starring Mike Weinberg. 2.40 FILM: Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan (2010). Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts. 4.25 FILM: A Cinderella Story (2004). Romantic comedy, starring Hilary Duff and Chad Michael Murray.

6.15 FILM: Secret Santa (2001). Premiere. Family drama, starring Sheryllyn Fenn.

8.00 FILM: A Christmas Carol (1999). Miserly Ebenezer Scrooge hates the Christmas season, but is warned to change his attitude by a series of ghosts. Dickens' classic tale, with Patrick Stewart and Richard E Grant.

9.55 5 News Weekend. 10.00 The Bible. Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and declares He is the Messiah.

11.55 Inside Hollywood. 12.00am SuperCasino. 3.05 Helicopter Warfare. 4.00 Wildlife SOS. 4.25 Make It Big. 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.



Atlantis, Saturday, BBC1, 7.55pm



The Illusionists, Saturday, ITV, 9.10pm



The Sarah Millican Television Programme ... Sunday, BBC2, 10pm



Homeland, Sunday, Channel 4, 9pm

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Fern Britton Meets Christine Ohuruogu. 11.00 FILM: George of the Jungle (1997). Comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. 12.25pm MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15 Christmas Kitchen with James Martin. 2.00 When Miranda Met Bruce. 3.05 Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death. 3.35 Snow Babies. 4.35 Big Sing: The UK's Top 10 Carols. 5.15 FILM: Alice in Wonderland (1951). Disney animated fantasy, with the voice of Kathryn Beaumont.

6.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Countryfile Christmas Special. The team enjoys a woodland Christmas at Westonbirt Arboretum in Gloucestershire.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. The experts are at Edinburgh's National Gallery of Modern Art.

9.00 The Whale. Seafaring drama, starring Jonas Armstrong and Martin Sheen.

10.30 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.55 Sting: When the Last Ship Sails.

12.15am FILM: The Magdalene Sisters (2002). 2.05 Weatherview. 2.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00am This Is BBC2. 7.00 Natural World: The Woman Who Swims with Killer Whales. 8.00 Antiques Road Trip. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 11.30 Tom Kerridge Cooks Christmas. 12.00pm Food & Drink Christmas Special. 1.00 EastEnders. 2.55 Flog It! 3.25 FILM: Nativity! (2009). Comedy, starring Martin Freeman. 5.05 Ski Sunday. 5.50 The 12 Drinks of Christmas.

6.50 Porridge.

7.30 Top of the Pops 2: Christmas 2013. Mark Radcliffe presents festive favourites from the archive, including classics by John & Yoko, Slade, Wizard, Wham! and Paul McCartney, as well as a new performance by Boyzone.

9.00 The Choir: Sing While You Work. The three finalists sing at Ely Cathedral. Last in the series.

10.00 The Sarah Millican Television Programme Christmas Special. With Phillip Schofield, Judy Parfitt and Helen George. Hebburn.

10.30 FILM: A Bunch of Amateurs (2008). Comedy, starring Burt Reynolds.

12.35am FILM: Tai-Pan (1986). Adventure, starring Bryan Brown. 2.35 Sign Zone: Countryfile. 3.30 Sign Zone: Holby City. 4.30 This Is BBC2.

ITV

6.00am CITV. 9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Storage Hoarders. 10.30 Sunday Side Up. 11.30 Sunday Scoop. 12.30pm ITV News and Weather; Weather. 12.35 Inside the National Trust. 1.35 Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel. 2.35 Show Me the Telly. 3.35 Midsomer Murders. 5.35 Harry Potter: Behind the Magic - The Half-Blood Prince.

6.35 ITV News Anglia; Weather.

6.45 ITV News and Weather.

7.00 Coronation Street. Kylie's behaviour spirals out of control.

7.30 FILM: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009). The wizard must uncover the secrets of Lord Voldemort's past to try to end the evil sorcerer's reign of terror. Fantasy adventure sequel, with Daniel Radcliffe and Michael Gambon.

10.30 Sex, Lies and a Very British Scapegoat. Andrew Lloyd Webber examines the Profumo Affair.

11.35 ITV News and Weather; Weather.

11.50 The Cube. A hairdresser and a youth worker take up the challenge.

12.45am Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures. 1.35 The Store. 2.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 3.40 ITV Nightscreen. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show.

CHANNEL 4

6.40am FILM: Garfield Gets Real (2007). Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Frank Welker. 7.55 Jamie's Money Saving Meals. 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30pm The Big Bang Theory. 1.25 The Simpsons. 2.20 Kirstie's Crafty Christmas. 3.25 A Great British Christmas with Sarah Beeny. 4.25 Channel 4 News. 4.30 FILM: Scrooged (1988). Christmas comedy, starring Bill Murray.

6.25 The Snowman.

6.55 FILM: Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009). Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Ben Stiller.

9.00 Homeland. Carrie and Brody seek refuge as security forces close in, and while Saul plans a last-ditch rescue operation, the former marine struggles to find redemption. Last in the series.

10.25 FILM: Never Let Me Go (2010). Premiere. Three teenagers growing up in an isolated school come to terms with an inescapable fate. Romantic drama, starring Carey Mulligan, Andrew Garfield and Keira Knightley.

12.20am Alan Carr: Chatty Man. 1.15 American Football Live. All the action from a match in the NFL. 4.45 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 5.10 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. 5.35 Suburgatory.

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! 10.15 World's Strongest Man 2013: Qualifiers. 11.15 My Family and Other Turkeys with Nigel Marvin. 12.15pm FILM: Richie Rich's Christmas Wish (1998). 1.50 FILM: Hats Off to Christmas! (2013). Premiere. Romantic drama, with Haylie Duff and Antonio Cupo. 3.35 FILM: It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie (2002). Festive comedy, with Joan Cusack and Whoopi Goldberg. 5.25 The Muppets and Lady Gaga at Christmas.

6.40 FILM: The Family Man (2000). Drama, starring Nicolas Cage.

8.55 5 News Weekend. 9.00 The Bible. Jesus carries His cross to Golgotha and is crucified, but Mary Magdalene finds His tomb empty when she visits it three days after His death. Last in the series.

10.50 FILM: Far and Away (1992). A penniless Irish farmer and his landlord's daughter run away to seek their fortune in America during the gold rush. Drama, with Tom Cruise.

1.30am SuperCasino. 3.05 Helicopter Warfare. 3.55 Wildlife SOS. 4.20 Make It Big. 4.50 Roary the Racing Car. 5.00 Angels of Jarm. 5.10 Hana's Helpline. 5.20 Angels of Jarm. 5.25 The Funky Valley Show. 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. 5.50 Hana's Helpline.

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PARENTS in the East of England are forking out an average of £579 a year just to help their children keep their cars on the road.

Almost half (47 per cent) of the region's young drivers questioned in the study said they rely on the Bank of Mum and Dad to cover running costs and motor insurance to the tune of £48.30 a month.

The survey by The Co-operative Insurance found that it takes young drivers two years and five months before they can run a car independently – making an average parental contribution of £1,400. The average amount given

by UK parents is £1,741.

James Hillon, director of general insurance at the Co-operative Insurance, said: "The prohibitive cost of running a car means that young drivers are heavily reliant on the Bank of Mum and Dad, not only to help them buy a car, but to keep it on the road too."

"Parents are being forced to put hands in pockets for everything from car insurance and maintenance to MOTs and petrol as young drivers struggle with the expense of motoring."

"There are ways young drivers can drive down the cost of motoring such as driving more slowly,

checking tyre pressure and shopping around for petrol."

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More than one in five young drivers (21 per cent) in the region say their parents have helped them to buy a car, and one in five (20 per cent) receive cash from parents to help them pay for car insurance.



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"We opened our new MoT bay on November 28," says general manager Alex Andrews. "Our fees are industry standard – £54.85 for a MoT."

Lg's has been on Saxon Business Park for nine years, having been in the centre of Littleport village since it first opened for business in 1991.

"We do a multitude of vehicles all makes

and models from £2,000 to £12,000," adds Alex. "Our regular cars get three months/3,000 miles in-house warranty which can be upgraded to three years. Every car we sell is MoT'd and serviced."

There are 12 people currently working at the site, with opening hours being 8am to 5pm and used car sales are 9am to 6pm (weekdays) and Saturday from 9am to 5pm.

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FORD MUSTANG: Around £30k for four-cylinder version

Right-hand drive Ford Mustang is on the way

FORD has unveiled its latest generation Mustang muscle car, which for the first time will come to the UK in right-hand drive form. The car, which will go on sale towards the end of 2014, claims to be lighter and more advanced than its predecessor.

Also new is a 2.3-litre, 305 horsepower engine, which Ford

hopes will boost the Mustang's eco credentials in Europe without detracting from the car's performance. Traditionalists have nothing to fear, however, as Ford has retained the car's signature 5.0-litre V8 motor.

Technical improvements to the car – now in its 50th year –

include a revised suspension set-up, reduced weight and an infotainment and navigation system specifically tailored for the European market.

Although the car is a year away from appearing in the UK, estimates put the Mustang's entry-level price at £30,000 for the four-cylinder model.

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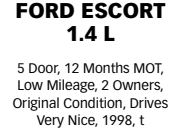
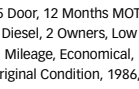
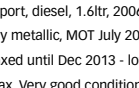
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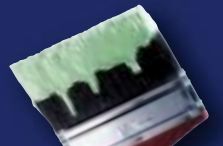
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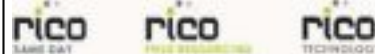
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> Table tennis

Fulbourn are delighted by derby glory

FULBOURN'S first team overcame their second-string 8-2 to secure the bragging rights in Ely & District Table Tennis League, Division One.

Marc Meunier was in good form winning his three for the ones against Nigel Bates, Carrie Cope and Jim Reary.

Terry Lane and Peters Zivtins won two each and combined for the doubles, but they lost out to Bates, who was responsible for the twos' points.

Li Wu Wei and Jan Hryca maintained their unbeaten records when Impington 1 beat Soham Comrades 1-3.

Nathan Stewart managed to take Li to five sets, but all three of the Comrades' points came against the unfortunate Tony Martin.

In the Handicap Cup, Fulbourn VII returned to the scene of their recent league victory, only to find that the handicap advantage was just too much.

Pedro Rocha won three, backed up by two each from Simon Bickers and Simon Braschi.

Only Zak Davey was able to overcome his deficits as he beat both Bickers and Braschi.

In the Handicap Plate, Fulbourn II came through their match against Fulbourn VIII, but the games were a lot closer than the 5-1 scoreline suggested, with Max Schwiening, Hamish Ryder and Harris Ryder getting the winning team's points.

> Rugby union



Up for the fight: Joel Scott Paul (right) kicked two penalties for Ely in their defeat to Newmarket.

Tigers lose ground on Newmarket

ELY lost ground on derby rivals Newmarket after being beaten by them 26-12 in Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One.

The Tigers began the match positively as Newmarket were punished for offside twice and Joel Scott Paul landed the penalties.

Newmarket hit back with a try after an off-load in the tackle put in Stephen Green to touch down, and Michael Reeves converted.

The try helped to settle the hosts, who extended their lead when Reeves finished off a catch and drive from a

line-out after Ely had seen a player sent to the sin-bin. And the first half finished 14-6 to Newmarket.

After the break, centre Dave Kempers scored a wonderful solo try for Ely after breaking through the Newmarket defence and stepping the opposition winger.

But Ely were unable to score any more after losing players through injury and giving away constant penalties.

Newmarket turned the screw and Mark Cooper went over in powerful fashion and Ali Walker got the final try

with 15 minutes remaining to seal the 26-12 win.

Ely Tigers under-14s ran riot as they beat West Norfolk 72-0.

Visitors Ely dominated from the start with strong attacking play.

Jack Brosnan scored Ely's first try and further efforts from Kevin Ransinghe (3), Jacob Dawes and Steven Snook, and five conversions from Brosnan made it 45-0 at half time.

Further second half tries from Snook (3) and Dawes (2), and a Brosnan conversion completed the victory.

> Bowls

Ely through to last 16 of Denny Cup

CITY of Ely progressed into the last 16 of the Denny Cup last Saturday with a 96-55 win over Welford-on-Avon.

Ely's men controlled the match from the early stages after trailing 20-15 after five ends. Greg Harlow's rink was down by five shots at home and Nick Brett all square at the same stage.

On the away rinks, Andrew Easy had made a steady start holding a slim two-shot lead, with Andrew Ware, deputising at skip for the absent Stuart Pople, four shots down.

The recovery was well under way by the conclusion of 10 ends, with Ely holding a 20-shot advantage, 45-25.

Harlow had turned his deficit into a four-shot lead and Brett led by nine. Easy continued his good start to lead by 11 and Ware was down by four.

Although Welford had cut the lead to 12 shots after 15 ends, Ely played some very positive bowls to extend their advantage to 39 shots after 18 ends.

Easy, ably assisted by Graham Marsh, Ian McWhinney and Michael Jackman, was in dominant form and had built an unassailable 23-8 lead.

Ware had pegged his opposite number back to trail by a single.

Brett, with Ben Akroyd, Dale Spring and Matt Marsden, was leading 24-13 and Harlow with Rob Elmore at lead, Josh Easy at No 2 and Ed Elmore at No 3, led 28-14, and shortly after Welford conceded the tie.

> Korfball

Lions see off rivals to clinch first win

LITTLEPORT Lions II picked up their first points of the season thanks to a 7-5 win over Cambridge-based rivals Tigers.

Lions played well in the first half, but trailed by one goal at half time.

Lions' shooting improved in the second half, though, and they soon took the lead and held on for the win.

Alvin Chen scored in his first full game, while Andy Dunlop struck three times.

Goals from Nicola Doak, Tom Kelly and a Dan Clarke penalty secured the victory.

> Netball

City narrowly miss out

ROBYN McCurdy was named player of the match, as City of Ely II faced Witchford in their final match before the Christmas break.

Despite City's strong defence, Witchford took an early lead but the Ely side were stronger in the second quarter.

City came within two in the third quarter but were never able to catch their opponents. A hard-fought match ended in a 32-28 loss for City.

> Junior football

Rovers book final place

BEN Lymer's brace and Toby Davies and George Raynor singles fired Haddenham Rovers under-15s into the final of the Cambridge & District Colts League Cup after beating Coton Cosmos 4-1.

Joshua Huckle smashed five as Mepal Sports beat March Soccer School 13-0 in BM Kempton 9v9 Youth League 12B.

Finley Slough hit a hat-trick, Ethan Roberts got two and Jake Garner, Zack Glover and Connor Rae-Smith added one apiece.

Soham Town Rangers under-nine girls won two, drew two and lost one in a friendly tournament.

> Darts

Building supplier gives Claydon solid support

PDC darts player Brett Claydon has earned support from supplier TradePoint, who will be sponsoring him.

Born in Soham, Claydon only took up darts six years ago playing with friends at the Carpenters Arms in Brook Street.

His natural ability for the game quickly took him into local competition, plying his trade in the Cambridgeshire Super League for Fordham British Legion, before he progressed to represent the county alongside former world champion Martin Adams.

At a recent exhibition event, he even managed to beat darts icon Eric Bristow.

Still only 30-years-old, Claydon has plenty of time ahead of him to break into the main circuit and start challenging for the top titles in the PDC.

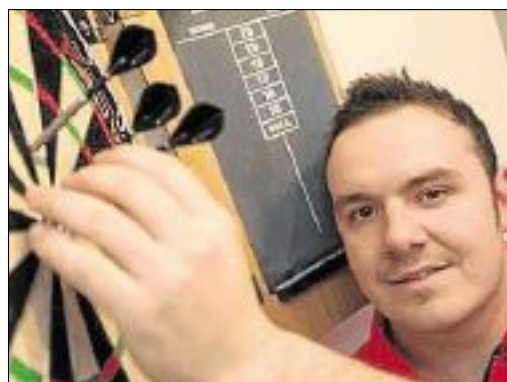
After recently winning the Sax Grand Prix in July, Claydon is hoping to push on and have a shot at some of the bigger names in the game such as Phil Taylor or

Michael van Gerwen.

Claydon said: "My scoring has been really consistent of late and there is nothing wrong with that, the only thing letting me down is my doubles. If I can up my percentages I hope to break into the main circuit and start taking on some of the biggest players in the game."

He added: "The sponsorship from TradePoint is really going to benefit my game. Travel to and from tournaments across the UK is very expensive and the sponsorship will enable me to compete in additional tournaments and continue the development of my game."

Trevor Culpin, marketing manager for TradePoint said: "We are delighted to be able to confirm the sponsorship of PDC Darts player, Brett Claydon. Brett's game is really improving and it could be a matter of time before Claydon becomes a household name."



Aiming high: PDC darts player Brett Claydon.

> **Football:** Latest news from Julius Martin Lane and the Unwin Ground

Fallon settles for point after draw with 10-man Sudbury

STEVE Fallon was happy with a point for Soham after an entertaining match at Julius Martin Lane ended in a 2-2 draw with 10-man Sudbury.

All the goals came in a lively first half with the lead changing hands twice as the momentum switched from one team to the other.

Sudbury made the brighter start but it was Fallon's men who took the lead in the 19th minute when James McCabe crossed to the far post where Luke Stanley finished well.

The lead lasted all of just two minutes though as Sudbury delivered an almost instant response.

Soham thought they had regained the lead shortly afterwards but Joey Abbs' effort was ruled out for handball and to add insult to injury, Sudbury made it 2-1 10 minutes before half time after a swift counter-attack.

This time it was the visitors' turn to switch off after scoring, and Rangers levelled in the 37th minute. Connor Wood made a run down the left and delivered a great ball that a Sudbury player could only prod into his own net.

The second half featured far fewer goalmouth incidents, though Sudbury were reduced to 10 men with 20 minutes remaining when one of their players received a second yellow card.

Michael Simpson and Stanley both went close but the Greens were unable to take advantage as Sudbury defended well in the closing stages and it remained 2-2 at the final whistle.

"It was a good game with some good football, especially in the first half," said Soham

manager Fallon.

"They had to re-adjust after the sending off and became less of an attacking threat but were quite solid defensively.

"Neither side created much in the second half and both teams cancelled each other out."

On the disallowed goal, Fallon added: "It was a bit harsh. Everyone was surprised when the referee said it was disallowed for handball. Instead of being 2-1 up we were 2-1 down but we bounced straight back which was pleasing."

Ely City's miserable run of results continued with a 1-0 loss at Norwich United despite a spirited performance.

With just 12 players available, boss Alan Alsop handed debuts to reserve players John Bartlett and Luke Fretwell as well as former Mildenhall midfielder Ben Avery.

Adam Murray played as a lone striker up front while James Seymour took his place in defence alongside Ben Lawrence.

The result was a committed performance that secured at least a point.

They caused the home defence problems throughout the match but conceded the winner four minutes from time to a free-kick, adding to the frustration.

"I'm so proud of the players," said Alsop.

"Every one of them was superb. But that sums up our season, we're getting kicked in the teeth all the time.

"I would have probably been disappointed with a point. We've got to keep going and really push on for the second half of the season."



On target: Luke Stanley (left) scored in Soham's 2-2 draw with Sudbury

> **Boxing**

Tyler Goodjohn sets up title shot with points victory

TYLER Goodjohn can look forward to a relaxing Christmas after securing the possibility of a title shot thanks to his points win over Danny Connor.

In front of the Sky TV cameras, the Wentworth fighter delivered an assured display to overcome his determined opponent after 10 well contested rounds at the ExCel Arena, London.

A change in approach for the English light-welterweight title eliminator proved to be the decisive factor as 22-year-old Goodjohn opted to box on the back foot rather than come forward as he has done in their two previous encounters.

With victory secured and the praise of supporters and pundits ringing in his ears, Goodjohn (pictured, right) is now looking forward to an exciting new year where he expects to have a shot at the vacant English light-welterweight title and possibly the British one too.

"This win should take me up the rankings," he said.

"I expect a lot of opportunities to open up in the next six months such as the English title and maybe the British one.

"But I don't want to rush. I'm still only 22 so I'll do what my trainer says and take it from there.

"I'm going to take a couple of weeks off, enjoy Christmas and get back into the gym in the new year.

"I'll keep myself ticking over for fitness but it will be nice not to have to train. I've done it before and there's nothing worse than having to do that."

Having won their first bout, Goodjohn lost last time they fought and he was determined to put the record straight at the weekend.

Sparring with Kevin Mitchell and Lee Purdy had given him ideal preparation and some extra insight via social media helped him form the perfect game plan.

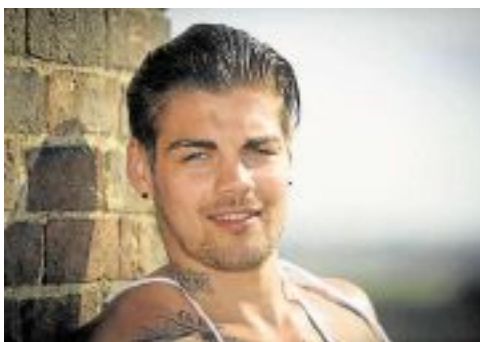
"I'd seen on Twitter the people he'd been sparring with and their style is always to come forward, so I knew that's what he was expecting," continued Goodjohn.

"My trainer and I agreed we'd try to turn the fight on its head and box off the ropes. It worked and in the end, it frustrated him."

Buoyed by a noisy and supportive crowd, Goodjohn was always in control but he knew he could not relax for a second.

"It wasn't an easy fight and I didn't expect it to be," he added.

"We both leave it all out in the ring. I knew he would give it everything so I was really pleased with how I performed and how the fight went."



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